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Canadian Farm Products in Britain

Federal Deputy Minister of Agriculture Comments on Conditions Noted on Inspection of British Markets—Explains Embargo Settlement—Silent on Reciprocal Feature

DR. J. H. GRISDALE, deputy minister of agriculture at Ottawa, who has just returned from Great Britain, where he took part in the conference between the Imperial government and the Canadian government, in regard to the lifting of the cattle embargo that has, for the past thirty years, so effectively prevented Canada from shipping stockers or store cattle to Great Britain, gives it as his opinion that if the embargo were once lifted, very considerable business would develop. In discussing conditions in England and probable developments here, Dr. Grisdale says: "The demand for stores is keen in Great Britain, and the number of stores actually being fed at present falls very considerably short of what could be, and would be fed if available. The opening of the British market to Canadian stores will therefore be welcomed by many British farmers anxious to feed, but prevented at present by lack of cattle."

"The demand, it must be remembered, however, will be for our well bred, good type stores. Inferior or commonplace cattle will get a cool reception, and will very certainly prove a losing proposition to both producer and shipper, as the chances are they would sell for very little more than the freight and other expenses."

Three-Day Quarantine

"Some adverse comment has been noted in connection with the three-day quarantine required in this country previous to embarkation on board ship, but there is absolutely no ground for any anxiety as to the effect of this quarantine on the cost of shipments, since where cattle are shipped direct from, say, Edmonton, Calgary, or even Winnipeg, the quarantine period will be much more than taken up in transit, and even in the case of cattle from Toronto, the day usually required for assembling and loading, the day or so in transit and the day in the port of Montreal, make up the necessary three days, and the probabilities are that the quarantine period will not have delayed shipment one hour, nor added one cent to the total expense of getting the cattle across to Great Britain."

"The inspection on this side will, of course, for some time at least, be done by this department free of cost. The inspection in Great Britain will, however, have to be paid for by the shipper, but, as the fee is to be only sixpence per head, or eleven cents at the present rate of exchange, surely no objection can be raised."

"It should be noted, too, that the regulations under which fat cattle are at present admitted for slaughter at certain ports are not to be modified in any way, the only conditions to observe in this connection being that, where fat cattle are shipped as fat cattle, that is, have not complied with the inspection and three-day quarantine under observation regulations discussed above, then no stores or stockers shall go on the same ship with such fat cattle. There will be no objection, however, to fat or half fat cattle going forward as stores, that is, complying with the quarantine and inspection requirements for stores,

and then, on arrival at the British port, going direct to the slaughter house in case they land at Liverpool or Glasgow, if there should be a good market for fat cattle at the time."

Question of Breeding Stock

"In the case of females, there was at first apparent a very strong objection by the British delegates to their being considered as coming under the category of store cattle, and it was strongly contended that they should submit to a thirty-day quarantine and the tuberculin test before being admitted into the country, but, inasmuch as it was quite apparent to Mr. Marshall and myself, the advisory part of the Canadian delegation, that there was likely to be a very strong demand for grade females, particularly for milk production, the Canadian representatives were most urgent in their demand for better terms in connection with admission of stock of this kind. Finally it was stated that the very most the Imperial government could concede was that Canadian breeding stock should be admitted, provided they had passed the tuberculin test within thirty days of embarkation, and that they should be subject to the same conditions of inspection as the stockers and spayed heifers, but that the three-day quarantine should not apply, although, of course, that would really make no difference."

"The admission of breeding stock is, however, subject to control by order, hence it might be stopped at the will of any government, or blocked by an adverse vote in the House. This feature was, of course, not very acceptable to the Canadian delegation, but it was maintained by the Imperial representatives at the conference that it was the best that could be done just at present."

"There was evident, on the part of both the Imperial representatives, and the officials taking part in the conference, the very greatest desire to meet the wishes of the Canadian representatives, and a very strong feeling of amicable co-operation between the Imperial and the Canadian representatives was apparent throughout the whole proceedings."

Inspected Markets

"I spent nearly six weeks in Great Britain, most of it in London or the near neighborhood thereof, attending the conferences in connection with the 'lifting of the embargo' question, but I had a good deal of time between meetings which I attempted to spend profitably by looking into our agricultural trade in order to ascertain the actual conditions maintaining on the beef, bacon, butter, cheese and egg markets; the general character of the produce shipped to these markets from Canada and the esteem in which our produce is held by the handler and the consumer."

"It is just a little unpleasant to have to say that according to statements made to me by some of the more important commission men and others interested in such produce as we ship to Great Britain, that we, in Canada, have not been making quite as much progress in the improvement of the

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appearance and quality of our exports as have some of the other competing countries. In many cases, produce from these countries looks better and sells better than similar produce from Canada today. One most striking peculiarity in favor of many of the products from our competitors was the uniformity in appearance and quality as contrasted with the great lack of uniformity in appearance and quality in our Canadian products, this applying more particularly, of course, to bacon, cheese and butter.

"In the case of bacon, too great a proportion of the sides in evidence were

too short and just slightly too thick, as compared with the Danish which easily topped the import market and was usually selling for fifteen or sixteen shillings per cwt. (112 pounds), that is, somewhere around three cents per pound more than Canadian bacon wholesale.

"Our butter, due to variation in quality, is at a great disadvantage as compared with butter from New Zealand and South Australia, where the output of individual factories is very great, and where cattle are on grass the year round. The lack of trade names for Canadian butter is a further

disadvantage to our products, and a disadvantage that is hard to overcome. In addition, our packages do not seem to be as well made, and are certainly not as attractive looking as those coming from our antipodean competitors, and the finish on the butter and the wrapping again show up to disadvantage.

"In the case of eggs I am glad to say that due to the grading so rigidly enforced by this department, our eggs enjoy a reputation second to none on the British market and show it by the price they command.

British Beef Prices

"Our beef varies, of course, greatly from day to day. On one occasion when visiting the Smithfield market I saw frozen beef from Argentina, chilled beef from Canada, fresh-killed Canadian beef from the lairages at Liverpool, fresh-killed Irish beef and Scotch prime beef all on display. The prices were illuminating. Canadian chilled shipped from Toronto was selling at 6d per pound; Canadian fresh-killed from Liverpool at 8d to 9d per pound; Irish fresh-killed at 8d to 9d; Argentina frozen 3½d to 4d per pound; Scotch prime about 1s 2d per pound, and the Argentina frozen selling at only 3½d per pound although considered somewhat better finished than the Canadian chilled beef, but it was, however, rather rough, which of course would account in some measure for the very low price.

"The chilled beef, of which considerable quantities have been going forward from Canada for the last twelve or fifteen months, has, I have been creditably informed, not been making any money for the shippers, and is, I understand, rather difficult to handle. It is possible that frozen beef, which can be handled much more easily, would prove more profitable than the chilled if it could be de-frosted in such a way as to prevent the leakage or loss of the juices which now always occurs when the meat is de-frosted in the usual short time on the Smithfield or other markets. It would be, in my opinion, highly advisable for us to carry on some experiments in this connection to see if it is not possible, by slow methods of de-frosting under more favorable conditions, to overcome this most injurious leakage effect.

Recommendations

"Naturally, while learning of the difficulties and setbacks above mentioned which are now doing not a little to injure our trade and our reputation as producers of first-class foodstuffs in the Old Land, I was looking around to learn, if I could, of ways and means of combating these difficulties, and to get back for Canada, if at all possible, her previous rather easy domination of the British market, insofar as butter and cheese are concerned, and her better reputation in the bacon market. Since returning I have, therefore, made the following recommendations to the minister of agriculture, who has agreed with me as to the importance of this country making every effort at least to maintain our present position and if at all possible better the same on the British market, and he has accordingly approved my recommendations in this connection:

"1. That we appoint a first-class business man with a wide knowledge of agricultural products to act as Canada's representative in Great Britain in connection with our bacon, butter, beef, cheese and egg exports—(a) to study conditions; (b) to make recommendations to our government and to producers as to how improvements can be brought about; (c) to help trade by judicious propaganda in connection with our products in the Old Land, and (d) to be of use as a referee when necessary in trade disputes.

"2. That we, as a country, make more effective displays at shows and exhibitions of one kind and another.

"3. I have to recommend that Canada take a most energetic and large part in the great Imperial Exhibition now being prepared for at Wembley Park, London.

"4. I am strongly of the opinion that more thorough grading of our products must be brought into effect at once if

we are to hold our own. The only product in which we do any grading worth mentioning at the present moment is eggs, and when it comes to eggs Canada ranks highest, next to the home article or the Holland article, which, of course, comes over inside twenty-four hours.

"With reference to bacon, there is no doubt but that the introduction of the grading system for hogs in this country will do much to improve the character of the bacon put on the British market, but I am of the opinion that this is not sufficient. It may possibly be just a little difficult to grade our bacon as it leaves this country, but it appears to me essential that something be done to ensure more uniformity in our bacon exports, and some system of grading considerably better than any now being followed by our packers would appear to be necessary if we are to make much progress in this industry.

"5. We should, I believe, carry on propaganda in Canada along these lines, that is, with reference to the improvement of these products and the importance of insisting upon their being graded as they leave the country, and to impress upon the producer the importance of his doing his part to help.

"6. In connection with the beef business, the high freight rates maintaining are injuring both the chilled beef and the fat cattle export business. It would seem to me highly advisable that an experiment be conducted to determine just where the difficulty lies, and I am recommending that a considerable number, say, a couple of hundred, fat steers be selected, one hundred to be killed and shipped as chilled beef and one hundred to go across alive, and the results observed on the Smithfield market. Such an experiment as this, together with some investigation into de-frosting methods, would, I believe, do much to clear up the fog of uncertainty which seems to hamper the development of the beef exporting industry of this country.

"In conclusion I would say that while we seem to be struggling along under greater or lesser difficulties in the marketing of our products in the Old Land, there was evident, a wonderfully warm feeling toward Canada and her people and her products, which augurs exceeding well, in my opinion, for the development of business and for the getting of immigrants of the right class into this country. My final word, therefore, to the producer and to the people of this country generally is—Canada, wake up! Success and prosperity await our every effort, but mediocrity and failure follow in the wake of the course we now pursue, as there is nothing attained by our competitors as above referred to that we may not equal or surpass."

Bank of Montreal

The annual report of the Bank of Montreal shows the bank to have had a good year despite the prevailing depression in business. The absorption of the Merchants Bank led to an increase in capital stock from \$22,000,000 to \$27,250,000 with a similar increase in the rest account, the combined capital and rest now amounting to \$54,500,000. The value of bank premises was increased from \$5,500,000 to \$10,600,000.

Profits for the year after allowing for all bad and doubtful debts amounted to \$4,756,668, which added to \$1,501,646 carried over from last year, made available for dividends and taxes \$6,258,314. Four quarterly dividends of 3 per cent. and a bonus of 2 per cent. were declared, which, with an allowance of \$491,999 for taxes and \$500,000 for bank premises, and the transference of \$1,050,000 to rest account, left \$558,815 to be carried forward. Since taking over the Merchants Bank, the business of the Bank of Montreal has been correspondingly extended and its principal accounts now stand as follows:

Total assets	\$713,569,566
Liquid assets	417,819,493
Gold and silver coin	47,244,865
Dominion notes	77,293,325
Deposits bearing interest	440,870,730
Deposits not bearing interest	164,747,019
Notes of the bank in circulation	41,552,882
Capital	27,250,000
Rest account	27,250,000
Total current loans and loans to cities, etc.	275,542,411

BANK OF MONTREAL

Annual Statement

Statement of the result of the business of the Bank for the year ended 31st October, 1922

Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 31st October, 1921	\$1,501,646.61
Profits for the year ended 31st October, 1922, after deducting charges of management, and making full provision for all bad and doubtful debts	4,756,668.30
	\$6,258,314.91
Quarterly Dividend 3 per cent., paid 1st March, 1922	\$660,000.00
Quarterly Dividend 3 per cent., paid 1st June, 1922	817,500.00
Quarterly Dividend 3 per cent., paid 1st Sept., 1922	817,500.00
Quarterly Dividend 3 per cent., payable 1st Dec., 1922	817,500.00
Bonus, 2 per cent., payable 1st Dec., 1922	545,000.00
	\$3,657,500.00
Provision for Taxes, Dominion Government	491,999.66
Reservation for Bank Premises	500,000.00
	4,649,499.66
	\$1,608,815.25
Capital Stock of the Merchants Bank of Canada in excess of the value at par of the Capital Stock of the Bank of Montreal issued and Cash paid therefor	\$4,200,000.00
Transferred to Rest Account	4,200,000.00
Amount transferred from Profit and Loss Account to Rest Account	1,050,000.00
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward	\$ 558,815.25

GENERAL STATEMENT

31st October, 1922

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock	\$27,250,000.00
Rest	\$27,250,000.00
Balance of Profits carried forward	558,815.25
	\$27,808,815.25
Unclaimed Dividends	10,765.23
Quarterly Dividend, payable 1st Dec., 1922	817,500.00
Bonus of 2 per cent., payable 1st Dec., 1922	545,000.00
	29,182,080.48
	\$56,432,080.48
Notes of the Bank in circulation	\$ 41,552,882.00
Deposits not bearing interest	164,747,019.37
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date of statement	440,870,730.28
Deposits made by and Balances due to other Banks in Canada	3,256,481.27
Balances due to Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	571,276.64
Bills Payable	918,004.69
	651,916,394.25
Acceptances under Letters of Credit	4,032,963.98
Liabilities not included in the foregoing	1,188,127.97
	\$713,569,566.68

ASSETS

Gold and Silver coin current	\$ 47,244,865.24
Dominion notes	77,293,325.25
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserves	16,000,000.00
Balances due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada	\$54,490,392.96
Call and Short (not exceeding 30 days)	
Loans in Canada, on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks	7,470,419.10
Call and Short (not exceeding 30 days)	
Loans in Great Britain and United States	127,221,435.82
	189,182,247.88
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities not exceeding market value	33,484,231.50
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks not exceeding market value	3,019,781.65
Canadian Municipal Securities, and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian	21,714,461.62
Notes of other Banks	3,831,397.16
Cheques on other Banks	26,049,182.71
	\$417,819,493.01
Current Loans and Discounts in Canada (less rebate of interest)	\$244,374,880.96
Loans to Cities, Towns, Municipalities and School Dist.	18,258,419.36
Current Loans and Discounts elsewhere than in Canada (less rebate of interest)	11,870,399.84
Overdue debts, estimated loss provided for	1,038,711.50
	275,542,411.66
Bank Premises at not more than cost (less amounts written off)	10,600,000.00
Real Estate other than Bank Premises	457,450.73
Mortgages on Real Estate sold by the Bank	2,050,779.58
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit (as per Contra)	4,032,963.98
Deposit with the Minister for the purposes of the Circulation Fund	1,620,000.00
Other Assets not included in the foregoing	*1,446,467.72
	\$713,569,566.68

*This amount includes \$923,000.00 Bonds of the Merchants Realty Corporation held by the Bank that were not issued to the public.

NOTE—Bonds of Merchants Realty Corporation to the extent of \$2,837,000.00 secured on premises leased to the Bank, are in the hands of the public. These bonds do not appear in the above Statement as the Bank is not directly liable therefor.

VINCENT MEREDITH,
President.

FREDERICK WILLIAMS-TAYLOR,
General Manager.

TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF THE BANK OF MONTREAL

We have checked the Cash and verified the Securities of the Bank at the Chief Office on the 31st October, 1922, and also at another time as required by the Bank Act, and we have found them to be in accord with the books of the Bank. We have also checked the Cash and verified the Securities at several of the Principal Branches of the Bank at various times during the year. We have obtained all information and explanations required, and all transactions that have come under our notice have been, in our opinion, within the powers of the Bank. We have compared the above Balance Sheet with the books and accounts at the Chief Office of the Bank, and with the certified returns received from its Branches, and we certify that in our opinion it exhibits a true and correct view of the state of the Bank's affairs according to the best of our information, the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Bank.

Montreal, 20th November, 1922.

J. MAXTONE GRAHAM, C.A.
JAMES HUTCHISON, C.A.

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of the firm of Riddell, Stead, Graham & Hutchison.

The Grain Growers' Guide

Winnipeg, Wednesday, November 29, 1922

Information Needed

Taxation is not a particularly bright or inviting subject for a post-prandial address, and the large turn-out of business men in Winnipeg last week to hear Dr. H. L. Brittain, director of the Citizens' Research Institute of Toronto, probably indicates not so much a yearning desire to delve into the ethics or the economics of taxation as a desperate effort to find out if there is any way by which the pressure of present taxation can be relieved. Taxation is pinching and pinching hard, and nobody likes to be pinched.

The defect in Dr. Brittain's speech was the absence of clearly defined principles to guide one through the tangle of taxation. He did indeed lay down the canon of ability to pay and the social value of having every adult pay some direct taxes, but beyond stressing the great need for such organization of public administration as would give the fullest possible value for every dollar collected in taxes, he shed little light on the vast problem which the country actually faces.

There was, perhaps, a reason for this. The application of theoretical principles of taxation has to be tempered by practical considerations, and in evolving changes in taxation it is necessary to have full and adequate information with regard to the sources to be tapped. The canon of ability to pay does not help a lot, in an administrative sense at least, in the absence of complete information as to where the ability lies. When the proposal was first made in Great Britain to tax war wealth the question arose as to the actual increment to private fortunes during the war. That question was referred to the Department of Inland Revenue, and the department showed that it possessed a great deal more information regarding the private affairs of British subjects than anybody thought possible.

What information do we possess in Canada that is available to the public upon which some really practicable reforms of taxation could be based? None; the government may know, but if so it keeps the information to itself. In the recent British election the electors were constantly reminded that according to government publications 1,045 individuals added nearly \$2,000,000,000 to their fortunes during the war, and 340,000 added over \$14,000,000,000 to their fortunes. We have no information of a similar kind in Canada, nor have we as adequate information on the distribution of wealth in the country as they have in the United States.

There exists a great necessity for useful information on the economic facts that enter into the problem of taxation. Much can undoubtedly be done by co-operation between the different taxing authorities to substantially cut down the cost of collection, and Dr. Brittain emphasized the need for such co-operation, but if we have to find new fields of taxation or extend the old ones, as Mr. Fielding predicted in his budget speech, it is of the utmost importance that the people should have the facts and figures to enable them to pass an intelligent judgment upon any new tax proposals.

Dividends in Oil

There is likely to be a real scrap in Congress over the fat stock dividends declared by oil companies across the border. The Standard Oil Company of New Jersey declared a stock dividend of 400 per cent., the Standard of New York 200 per cent., and other two subsidiaries of the Standard 300 per cent. each, and others have followed suit.

Altogether the oil business is in an exceedingly flourishing condition, and it may be remarked that John D. Rockefeller and his son, John D., junior, are two of the four men in the United States whose annual incomes are over \$50,000,000.

One of the members of the House of Representatives has been corresponding with the secretary of the treasury on these dividends, which he contends represent a dodging of the income tax and are illegal. The secretary seems to be of the opinion that the department is powerless in the matter, so Representative Frear intends to take the matter up in Congress.

That is not all the trouble that is ahead for the oil companies. The Survey is publishing a special investigation into conditions in the Montana-Wyoming oil fields, undertaken by Robert S. Lynd after reading some government reports. This investigation shows that the water was bad, the sanitary conditions worse, and that the men worked twelve hours a day with a seven-day week without facilities of any kind for recreation. Oil wells seem to be in bleak, dreary spots, what are generally called "bad lands," and the conditions described appear to prevail in the most of the oil fields.

Mr. Rockefeller was apparently amazed at the revelations in both the government report and Mr. Lynd's, and in reply he expresses doubt as to the general prevalence of the conditions that prevail in the Montana-Wyoming field, and he regrets that the conditions in the latter field have not been remedied. He goes further and states his own personal position. He thinks that "generally speaking, the twelve-hour day and the seven-day week should no longer be tolerated in industry, either from the point of view of public policy or of industrial efficiency," and he stands for the eight-hour day and the six-day week. As the Montana-Wyoming field is 88 per cent. Standard controlled, this declaration from Mr. Rockefeller is particularly interesting. Meanwhile the price of oil stays up, although it could be cut five to ten cents a gallon and still leave handsome dividends for holders of oil stock, and the excessive price enters into cost wherever oil is a factor in the process of production. These enormous dividends represent an exploitation of labor and an exorbitant and unjust toll on industry, whether of the farm or the workshop.

In the Interests of Truth

During the last few years there has issued from the publishing houses of the world a mass of literature dealing with the causes, immediate and remote, of the war. This literature has become so immense that it is impossible for the average man, no matter how strong his interest, to keep up with it, but its effects are to be seen in the changing political situations. During the war the morale of the allied nations was maintained by assumptions based principally upon the statements of statesmen and the documents officially issued by the respective governments. These assumptions were worked into the peace treaties and modern Europe is built upon those treaties. If then, these assumptions are incorrect, it is apparent that the justice of the treaties is challenged, and with that the whole policy which is today distracting European countries and preventing the restoration of peaceful working conditions.

The British elections of 1918 were fought on those assumptions with Lloyd George as their most vigorous champion, and his party and policy received an unparalleled support

from the British electorate. Two years later, however, Lloyd George declared that, "The more one reads memoirs and books written in the various countries of what happened before August 1, 1914, the more one realizes that no one at the head of affairs quite meant war at that stage. It was something into which they glided or rather staggered and stumbled, perhaps through folly, and a discussion, I have no doubt, would have averted it." That is a very significant statement. If the nations "staggered and stumbled, perhaps through folly" into the greatest and most destructive war of history, it is of the utmost importance that the people should know just how and why they "staggered and stumbled," wherein the folly lay and how discussion would have averted the catastrophe, in order that similar mistakes may be avoided in the future.

The "memoirs and books" have multiplied exceedingly since 1920, and what they reveal contains the deadly implication of an almost inconceivable deception of the people. Never before has the tortuous course of secret diplomacy been so ruthlessly exposed and the sins of the chancelleries of Europe laid bare. The time has come for some authoritative examination of the evidence and the London Nation suggests that "the rectors of the neutral universities should meet together and appoint a commission of historians to hear evidence, to open archives and to frame conclusions," and it further suggests that "the League of Nations is the proper body to put this charge upon the universities." It is eminently desirable that something like this be done, and it is to be hoped, for the sake of future generations, that the suggestion of the Nation is taken up and pushed by those to whom making the world safe for democracy is more than a mere shibboleth.

Stabilizing Land Prices

Section 7 of the platform issued by the Canadian Council of Agriculture, and upon which all the Progressive candidates stood in the last election, reads as follows:

A land settlement scheme based on a regulating influence in the selling price of land. Owners of the idle areas should be obliged to file a selling price on their lands, that price also to be regarded as an assessable value for purposes of taxation.

It is estimated that there are in Western Canada between 20 and 30 millions of acres of vacant land lying alongside the railways, in private ownership. Of these lands probably ten million acres are owned in Western Canada, five millions in Eastern Canada, five millions in the United States and the rest in Great Britain. The ownership is thus scattered, but the kind of ownership as a general proposition is the same. It is an ownership for sale at a profit, or, in plainer words, a speculative ownership. The owners would undoubtedly like to sell provided their purpose in acquiring it could be realized.

Increased land settlement means increased demand for land, and the price of land jumps accordingly. In consequence every move forward that the country may make in the line of economic development, every measure intended to facilitate that end, every section of land occupied tends to send up the price of the remaining unoccupied land. The owner makes money while he sleeps; he profits not by his own labors but by the labor of others.

The inclusion of the clause in the farmers' platform asking for the stabilization of land prices by compulsory listing was for the purpose of protecting those who were bringing

the land into usefulness against a purely speculative rise in prices. It cannot possibly injure those owners of land who are content with the fair market price and are not desirous of holding land out of use that they might reap a greater profit. Such a plan would in fact act as a protection to land owners, since it would put them all on the same basis and prevent some holding back so as to profit by those who put their land on the market.

It would probably have been a good thing for Canada had ownership of land been dependent on use and occupancy. Canadian statesmen chose otherwise and with unrestricted ownership speculation can only be discouraged by high taxation or such regulative influence of prices as that recommended in the farmers' platform. The policy is, of course, condemned by the speculators as an unwarrantable interference with the individual's right to do as he likes with his own, but it remains that some such policy is necessary for the protection of those who are willing to bring idle lands into the service of humanity.

The Need of Electoral Reform

It is almost certain that the freak result of the British elections will stimulate renewed interest in electoral reform. Much is being said about the success of the Conservatives indicating a popular distrust of coalitions and a demand for return to straight party government with the stability that comes from a party majority in parliament, but the outstanding fact of the elections is that the Conservatives have secured a substantial majority in the House of Commons on a very decided minority of the popular vote. For the next few years Great Britain is to have a government representing not the majority of the nation but the minority.

Lloyd George has expressed himself

strongly on this result of the elections, and he thinks that parliament ought to end at once an electoral system which enables a minority of the nation to secure a majority in the House of Commons. The ex-premier was not so emphatic after the election of 1918, which gave him a following in the House of Commons that was out of all proportion to the popular vote. In contested seats in that election the Coalition won 428 seats on a popular vote which entitled them to only 292, while the non-Coalition won 81 seats on a popular vote that entitled them to 217. The smash-up of the Coalition is in no small measure due to that unjust representation.

Even now Lloyd George apparently does not care to go so far as to say that proportional representation should be established by the new parliament. He wants the system changed but he does not say what the change should be. In all parties in the British House of Commons there are advocates and supporters of proportional representation, and in all there are opponents of it. There is quite substantial agreement that the present system should be changed, but the advocates of change are divided into supporters of the single member constituency with the alternative vote and supporters of the multi-member constituency with proportional representation. The Liberal party, by formal resolution two years ago, practically left the membership to choose between P.R. and the alternative vote, and the Labor party is similarly situated. The new parliamentary leader of the Labor party, Ramsay MacDonald, is opposed to P.R.; Mr. Clynes, who was only beaten by a vote or two for the leadership, is a strong supporter of it. The brainiest man in the party, Sydney Webb, supports the alternative vote as against P.R.

The election is one more example of the misrepresentation that is possible under the

old system of voting, and it carries a lesson to the electorate in this country. The plain truth to be faced is that, as Mr. Asquith said, the rude and crude divisions which used to correspond more or less accurately with the facts of a representative assembly of two parties have become a thing of the past. New political alignments are taking place everywhere, and it has become imperative for the preservation of representative government to adjust the electoral system to the changed conditions.

Right Hon. Winston Churchill was defeated in the constituency of Dundee by a prohibitionist and a pacifist, and he is the sorest defeated candidate in the country. Scrymgeour, the prohibitionist, who headed the poll with 32,758 votes, first contested the seat in 1906, when he polled 655 votes. He came back in 1910 and polled 1,512, and in the second election of that year he polled 1,825. In the election of 1918 he polled 10,423. Now he has earned the reward of persistence. E. D. Morel, editor of Foreign Affairs, official publication of the Union of Democratic Control, polled 30,292 votes against 20,466 for Mr. Churchill. Mr. Churchill feels badly over his defeat by Morel because Morel is an avowed pacifist and was arrested during the war because of his opinions regarding its origin. Morel ran as a Labor candidate and an advocate of open diplomacy.

The Fascisti, the self-constituted middle-class reformers in Italy, who have seized the reigns of constitutional authority, have destroyed millions of dollars' worth of property owned by co-operative institutions in various parts of the country. When men set out to impose their wills by force it means the spirit of the jungle whether they are upper, middle or lower classes.



The Big Four Re-United

U.G.G. Annual Meeting

WHEN Hon. T. A. Crerar and C. Rice-Jones, respectively president and general manager of United Grain Growers Limited,

presented the sixteenth annual report to the shareholders in Calgary last Thursday and Friday, it was found that for the first time in the history of the company a loss had been sustained on the year's operation. The loss was not a heavy one compared with the huge scale of the company's operations, yet was sufficient for the directors to decide to pay no dividend for the year, which is the first time in sixteen years that the company has not paid a dividend to its stockholders. The handling of the grain, which is by far the major portion of the company's business, was conducted with profit during the past year, but the loss sustained through the business depression, and the necessary reduction of prices on heavy stocks of farm machinery more than offset the profits on the grain department of the business. The board of directors made a 40 per cent reduction in the prices of machinery and depreciated the stocks on hand so that a profit in the supplies department is confidently expected for next year.

Financial Position Strong

After taking care of the losses incurred during the year's operations, the company is in a very strong financial position having built up very large reserves of accumulated profits in the past sixteen years. These profits ran as high as \$607,000 for the year 1917, and the shareholders, on the advice of the directors, authorized building up reserves for rainy days out of these accumulated profits. Consequently, after taking care of losses to the extent of \$118,350.31, on the past year's operations, the company still has an unimpaired reserve of \$1,200,000. The paid-up capital of the company at the present time is \$2,810,561.90, being an increase of more than \$44,000 over the paid-up capital of a year ago.

Wider Markets Needed

The report of the board of directors discussed thoroughly the prevailing situation in business due to the past war depression. They expressed the view that, while they believed that the worst of the business depression was over, there was still a long way to go to get back to normal conditions. North America is suffering from the unsettled conditions of Europe, and must continue to suffer until Europe gets back to something like normal trade. The board expressed the view that, if agriculture was to continue to prosper, everything possible must be done to find wider markets and reduced costs of production. The cost of production and distribution were the vital problems, in as much as the grain crop of this country was largely marketed in Europe, and Europe was not in a condition to pay high prices for grain. The report expressed the view that there were required reductions in the tariff to help reduce the cost of clothing, boots and shoes, and the living of the people. Other requirements were the securing

Governments of Prairie Provinces Asked to Organize a Workable Wheat Board for 1923 Crop

of the United States markets for our agricultural products, reductions in freight rates, when such reductions could be made—better money credit conditions and much better use of credit when secured, and a general Canadian policy directed to building up our national prosperity on a sound, healthy agricultural development. The board also expressed the view that the development of sound co-operative methods of handling business on well founded principles is one of the things most greatly needed today, and though such progress might not be as rapid as many might wish, it could nevertheless be solid and substantial and of enduring benefit.

Difficulties in Export

In dealing with the various departments of the company's business, the report of the board of directors pointed out that there had been no profit in the export end of the grain business, which has paid considerable profits for some years past. The reason of the loss was the fluctuations in foreign exchange, the difficulties in forwarding grain due to railway and shipping strikes, and the very keen competition amongst exporting firms in the handling of the business. The result was that the company's American export business and the Canadian export business only broke even on the year's operations.

In regard to the Public Press and The Grain Growers' Guide, both of these institutions were faced with a very heavy reduction in revenue due to the general business depression. However, they had both made a reduction in expenses so that both The Grain Growers' Guide and Public Press had a small profit for the year, but not sufficient to pay a dividend to the parent company.

The United Grain Growers' Securities Company met with a loss during the year in the Land Commission Department of its business, which was greater than the profits made in the Insurance Department of the business. As was stated to the annual meeting last year, the board of directors have decided that the land commission was not a useful part of the company's activities and it has therefore been dropped. The board looks forward to the Insurance Department building up steadily upon sound, solid lines, that will be valuable and profitable.

Machinery Department

The board pointed out that in the Farm Machinery Department business had been operated on a large scale in order to give a satisfactory service, and warehouses were built in Calgary and Winnipeg, and leased in Edmonton, Saskatoon and Regina. The directors, however, stated that they had come to the conclusion that, as far as farm machinery was concerned and several other lines of farm supplies, it was not practicable to carry out such business

on a mail order cash basis. They have therefore decided to close out the handling of farm machinery, and have reduced the prices and values of existing stocks to a point where they believe they can be closed out without further loss. It was still the intention of the board to continue handling such lines of goods as twine, coal, flour, fence posts and a few other lines. The board expressed the view that in order to carry on a general machinery business it was necessary to have local warehouses and local stocks of repairs, and they felt it only could be done through local co-operative organizations, who could have their own warehouses, buy their own requirements, carry their own line of repairs, and give the service necessary to make it a success.

Depression Hits Saw Mills

In the operation of the company's sawmills in British Columbia, the board announced a loss in the year's operations of \$78,000, due largely to the decreased prices received for lumber sold in comparison with the high cost of manufacture. During the past year, logs on hand had been manufactured into lumber and shipped as the demand arose for it, but the demand from the prairies was small owing to business depression. During the coming year no logs are being cut, and it is not the intention of the company to operate the mill again until the revival of business conditions warrants it.

Livestock Business

In the Livestock Department there was a small profit from the year's operations. During the year, the livestock offices at Moose Jaw and Prince Albert were closed out, owing to the small volume of business not warranting a continuance. The business handled through the Winnipeg, Calgary and Edmonton offices, however, has shown a profit and would be continued. During the year the number of cattle handled was 89,224, as compared with 115,681 the previous year, which was the largest year in cattle handling since the establishment of the Livestock Department. On the other hand the number of hogs handled greatly increased being 79,890 as compared with 52,635 for the previous year.

In looking forward to the next year, the board, while realizing that the business depression was not by any means past, felt that the provision made to eliminate the losing branches of the business, together with the large crop of grain now being handled, gave reason for confident expectation that the company's business would operate on a profitable basis for the next year.

Following the presentation of the reports on Thursday morning, the delegates discussed the reports and the affairs of the company generally during the afternoon, following which all the reports presented were unanimously adopted.

A resolution committee, which was appointed by the board of directors upon the instructions of the annual meeting a year ago, brought in a report advocating a method of handling the large number of resolutions sent in by locals so that the business of the meeting would be expedited. After some discussion and slight amendment, the report of the resolutions committee was adopted.

New Directors

On Friday, the election of directors occupied considerable time, owing to the fact that four ballots were necessary before the election was complete. The four directors whose terms of office expired were J. J. McLellan, R. A. Parker, H. C. Wingate and Robert Shannon, the latter being from Saskatchewan, and the three former from Alberta. To fill the four vacancies a total of fourteen candidates were placed in the field, including the four directors whose term had expired. On the first ballot C. E. Hope, Langley Fort, B.C., and Robert Shannon, Grandora, Sask., were elected. On the second ballot, S. S. Sears, Nanton, Alberta, was elected. The third ballot resulted in no election, and the fourth ballot elected J. J. McLellan, Purple Springs, Alberta, to the fourth position.

Salaries

With the exception of the election of directors, all day Friday was given over to the discussion of resolutions sent in by locals from all over the three prairie provinces. The first resolution, from Gleichen, Alta., local, proposed that the board of directors be not permitted to pay any officer of the company a salary of more than \$12,000 per year, or a per diem allowance to directors of more than \$20 per day. The discussion centred around the payment of the salaries and quite a number of delegates took part in the discussion. The opinion expressed by the majority of those who took part in the debate was that good men were necessary in charge of the affairs of the company, and that good men were cheap in the conduct of such a large business even though they might be paid high salaries. There was a widespread expression that it would be unwise to handicap the board of directors in any way in limiting the salaries which they might find it necessary to pay to secure the proper men to conduct the business of the company, and that the saving of a few thousand dollars in salaries might necessitate the engagement of inefficient men that would eventually cost the company very heavily. The resolution was rejected by a large majority. Following the vote on this resolution there were several other resolutions, bearing practically upon the same subject, which came before the meeting. But as the matter had practically been settled by the decision on this first resolution the other resolutions dealing with the matter were voted down practically without discussion.

Patronage Dividend

A resolution sent in by the local at

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A 60-acre field of Red Bobs wheat on the farm of Premier Greenfield, Westlock, Alta.

News from the Organizations

SASKATCHEWAN

To Organize Fertile Belt

E. J. Stansfield, of Atwater, one of the organizers of the S.G.G.A., has requested a further supply of materials for the membership canvass in Fertile Belt Rural Municipality. He also asks for a full list of locals and secretaries in the municipality, and evidently intends to make a thorough clean-up in the district.

Grass Lake to Discuss Banking

The members of the Grass Lake local are interested in the winter program issued by the Central office, and especially in the portion of it which refers to the Bank Act, and literature dealing with this subject has been forwarded to R. Rollins, the secretary. It is the intention of the members to discuss banking at an early meeting of the local.

Bona Place Will Have Mock Trial

Bona Place S.G.G.A., Kincaid, Sask., is to hold a basket social at an early date, and intends to put on a mock trial for breach of promise as part of the program. Alex. D. Graham, the secretary, is seeking information how to conduct the trial.

Three Hundred Members

Rocanville local has a membership, as recorded at the Central office, of 309, which includes 12 life members. This is a fine example of what can be done by thorough organization; but there is no reason in the world why Rocanville should stand alone. There are very many districts in the province where this number should be reached, and perhaps even surpassed, if individual farmers would but realize the need for a strong organization and individual members of the locals see that such farmers were enrolled in membership. The day of the individual is past. Everywhere men are gathering in strong organizations, and farmers, more perhaps than any other class, need to be banded together to protect their own interests. With fall work at an end, members of locals have an opportunity to put in some effective work, which will be necessary if the locals are to redeem the pledge they gave at the last annual convention, to increase the membership for the present year by ten thousand.

Preeceville Members, Note!

An unsigned letter, dated November 17, has been received at the Central office asking for information with respect to a certain farmers' organization, and one dozen song books, for which one dollar was supposed to be enclosed—but wasn't.

The writer is no doubt anxiously looking for a reply, but in the absence of any signature the officials are powerless to help. If the writer will remove the embargo by sending his name his communication will receive immediate attention.

A Willing Worker

J. H. Stewart, of Willowvale, in the Wood Mountain district of Saskatchewan, intends to put on a general drive in his municipality the first week in December, and requests locals to call their annual meetings at that time, when he will assist them to arrange interesting programs for the occasion.

Mr. Stewart believes that the seven locals in the district are all that can be expected to make any headway, as railway conditions are causing a rapid decrease in population. Nevertheless, he is prepared to give his best service, not only in his own district, but also anywhere else where his services may be needed, and possible.

Nearly Dead; Want New Life

There is a "stirring in the Valley of Dry Bones" at Grenfell. In asking for a speaker a few days ago the secretary, Edward Adams, wrote, "We are nearly dead, and we want a good part of the address to be on organization, and bring more life into our association."

Reading matter for this page is supplied by the three provincial associations, and all reports and communications in regard thereto should be sent to H. Wigginbotham, sec'y, United Farmers of Alberta, Calgary; A. J. McPhail, sec'y, Saskatchewan Grain Growers' Association, Regina; or W. R. Wood, sec'y, United Farmers of Manitoba, Winnipeg, and not direct to The Guide office.

When the "nearly dead" begin to wish for revival there is considerable hope. Recognizing this the Central office arranged for the vice-president, George Edwards, to attend the meeting, which was held on the 17th inst., in the local picture theatre. The moving pictures were requisitioned, which ensured a good crowd. A new spirit was created, organizers appointed, and a thorough canvass is to be instituted to bring the local back to its one-time state of activity.

Organizer's Good Work

A. Z. Drew, of Crystal Springs, an organizer of the association, visited Gowanbrae local, on November 2, to assist in a membership drive. The evening's work was successful. A goodly number of members were secured that night, and the local instituted a competitive canvass for new members.

The following night Mr. Drew visited Crescent Hill, where local troubles have created difficulty. Two canvassers were appointed to cover the district in the interests of the association.

On the third evening he assisted in the organization of the Bastness local, in the St. Louis municipality. Canvassers were appointed here also with good prospects of securing a large increase in membership.

Why You Should Join

E. A. Johnstone, secretary of the Cobourg G.G.A., in writing the Central with respect to the membership campaign, says:

"Has your office any pamphlets which would give us in concrete form the benefits we have received through the existence of our association? Now we all know quite a few, but not all. It will help us immensely, I believe, in the solicitation for new members, to be sure of ourselves."

Sure it will; and if any other secretary or organizer wants such help he should write the Central office for the pamphlet, Why You Should Join.

100 Per Cent. G.G.

C. W. Husk, secretary of Parkman G.G.A., writing to the Central office for helpful literature, also for information as to local filing systems for newspaper clippings, mock parliaments, etc., concludes with "we are going to try to make this 100 per cent. G.G."

ALBERTA

Coronation Convention

Over 200 delegates and visitors attended the annual convention of the Coronation U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Association held in Monitor recently. Among several resolutions passed, one advocated a wheat pool for the constituency in the event that the wheat board could not be secured for 1923. A committee was appointed to draft a more definite scheme, having as advisory member C. Rice-Jones, of the U.G.G. Ltd., who spoke at some length on the question of wheat marketing, and promised his support and help to the resolution.

Geo. Bevington, of Winterburn, gave an address on the financial and banking system.

The officers elected are: C. Fawcett, president; C. C. Wager, vice-president; W. E. Glazier, J. Mitchell and F. Doherty, directors.

South Hand Hills Convention

The annual convention of the District No. 4 South Hand Hills U.F.A. Association was held in Lonebutte recently, when the following new officers were elected: F. H. Hartt, president; W. Hall, vice-president; W. McKay, secretary. E. J. Garland, M.P., and G. A. Forster, M.L.A., addressed the convention, and answered a number of questions from the delegates. The Lonebutte

U.F.W.A. provided meals for the delegates during the day.

Challenging Adversity

"Although conditions as to finances are very severe at present," writes the secretary of Ghost Pine local, "and our membership is much reduced, our members are making great efforts to carry on. All members in arrears are given full privileges in meetings, and non-members are asked to attend. We try to make our local a social centre, and as a means of doing so we hold social evenings and invite other locals to take part in debates, etc. We have also installed an extension library. As a means of education a study of Credit Power and Democracy, by Major Douglas, has been commended. Thus in numerous ways we keep the local before the public and expect a speedy growth when nature smiles on the district again."

At a recent meeting a resolution was passed asking that teachers' conventions be held during vacations, and that school districts be not required to pay teachers' salaries for days spent at conventions.

Didsbury Convention

The following officers were elected at the annual convention of the Didsbury U.F.A. Provincial Constituency Association: A. Bell, president; Mrs. Stenberg, vice-president; J. S. Earle, secretary-treasurer, and Jas. MacDougall, B. Hart, Mrs. H. W. Wood, Rex Wood, and Mr. Jones, directors.

Resolutions were passed asking the establishment of a wheat board and suggesting that immediate steps be taken to secure a chairman and vice-chairman; requesting the improvement of the stock yards at Calgary; and recommending that an annual salary be set for members of the legislature.

A. B. Claypool, M.L.A., gave a brief address.

Pembina Convention

The annual convention of the Pembina Provincial Constituency Association will be held in Westlock on Saturday, December 2, at 2 p.m.

Mr. Wood at Irricana

The Oddfellows' hall at Irricana was crowded on the occasion of Mr. Wood's visit there. Mr. Wood dealt with various phases of the organization, touched on the savings to the province effected by the farmer government, and spoke at some length on the wheat board, expressing the opinion that there would not now be as much opposition to the formation of a wheat board.

Representative Visits Strathmore

J. C. Buckley, M.L.A., recently spoke to a meeting of the Strathmore U.F.A. local, giving a resume of the work accomplished by the provincial government. Among the subjects dealt with were the Women's Institutes, the agricultural schools, the cost of government, the wheat board session and sessional indemnity, and the enforcement of the Liquor Act.

Oppose Immigration Effort

A resolution has been passed by the Zella local in which it is pointed out that the established farmers with farms and equipment free of incumbrance find it impossible to make ends meet at this time, and that, if a good crop were secured from the increased acreage in the western provinces, transportation facilities would be inadequate to move it. The resolution recommends that no money be spent and no effort made in inducing settlers to take up land until such time as conditions become more favorable. Such action would be, in the opinion of Zella local, an injustice to the old settlers, unfair to the new, and a detriment to the country as a whole.

MANITOBA

Selkirk Postpones Convention

Owing to the fact that the municipal nominations come on Tuesday, December 5, the Selkirk U.F.M. convention has been postponed till Friday, December 8. It will be held in the Board of Trade Building, Winnipeg, opening at 11 a.m.

Springfield District Convention

Springfield U.F.M. district convention elected the following officers for 1923: Director on provincial board, Bruce Edie, Dugald; U.F.W.M. director on provincial board, Mrs. J. P. Mellors, Richland; president, A. Matheson, Hazelridge; vice-president, W. A. Cohoe, Giroux; secretary, Alan George, Springfield; directors, N. J. Stryk, Ladywood; A. Keroack, Lorette, Mrs. J. C. McDermott, Hazelridge, G. W. Tovell, Lorette, Miss Rankin, Giroux, A. B. Dufort, St. Adolphe, T. Wawryshyn, Tyndall.

Dauphin District Resolutions

The following resolutions were passed by the district convention at Dauphin:

1. Fire Killed Wood on Timber Limit

"Whereas, the supply of dry wood is nearing exhaustion, on the government limit in the Duck Mountain Forest Reserve adjacent to Grandview,

"And, whereas, there are thousands of cords of fire-killed wood on the adjoining Burrows Limit which at present is of use to no person, and which is being gradually destroyed by rot, and is also a menace to the rest of the reserve by reason of its being a fire trap,

"And, whereas, the settlers in the adjoining country are in need of the income that could be derived from the sale of this wood, to tide them over the present hard times;

"Therefore be it resolved by this convention of the Dauphin district of the United Farmers of Manitoba, that we bring this matter to the attention of the Burrows Lumber Co., with the view that steps might be taken to have the eastern portion of Burrows Limit, lying north and north-west of the town of Grandview, opened for the purpose of cutting the dry wood that is on it."

2. Taxation

"Whereas, according to press dispatches, the provincial government is considering putting into force various indirect taxes, including taxes on grain trading, and upon gasoline;

"Therefore be it resolved that we, the members of the Dauphin district U.F.M. are opposed to any further indirect taxation, and urge the government to raise whatever additional revenue is necessary by means of a graduated income tax."

3. Temperance

"Whereas, we believe that an organized effort is being made in this province to discredit the Manitoba Temperance Act,

"And, whereas, the organized farmers of Western Canada have always consistently supported and advocated the prohibition of manufacture, importation and sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes and have taken an active part in the various campaigns for increasingly restrictive legislation;

"Therefore be it resolved that we reaffirm our position and that we urge our local association to actively organize in order to assure a favorable verdict in support of the present restrictive measures."

Every local board should see to it that its books are audited before its annual meeting and its annual report signed by its auditor.

Some enterprising locals are holding their annual meetings and two already have their annual report in to the Central office.

The Brandonites are already at work preparing arrangements for the annual convention. H. Thornton is planning a choir, and D. Hill, of Gilbert Plains, is working on the proposition of an orchestra.

Saskatchewan Co-operative Annual

A Good Year Enables Company to Pay Stock Dividend in Addition to Usual Eight Per Cent on Paid-up Capital

GRATIFYING reports of the progress and financial success of the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company Limited, during its eleventh year of operation, were presented by the board of directors at the twelfth annual meeting of the company, held in the city hall, Regina, on November 22 and 23. The 23,000 farmer-shareholders of the company were represented at the meeting by nearly 400 delegates and visiting shareholders. The financial statements showed a net profit for the year of \$463,056, enabling the board of directors to recommend the payment of a stock dividend in addition to the usual eight per cent. on the paid-up value of the company's shares.

The report of the board of directors was read by Hon. J. A. Maharg, vice-president of the company, who moved its adoption. It was as follows:

Report of the Board of Directors

Your directors have pleasure in reporting a satisfactory and profitable outcome of the business of the company during the eleventh year of its operations which terminated on July 31, 1922. The decline in wheat prices which set in at the commencement of the previous year continued during that under review. From an average price for wheat of \$1.50 per bushel, basis No. 1 Northern at Fort William, in the month of September, 1921, a decline to an average of \$1.10 in the months of November and December was recorded. This, however, was followed by a recovery to about \$1.40 during the spring months, the price again decreasing about ten cents in the later months of the crop year. This downward trend of returns to the growers, accompanied by high freight rates, prevalence of low rates of foreign exchange and inability of European markets to satisfy the full requirements of the peoples of that continent owing to lack of purchasing power, resulted in considerable hardship to the agricultural industry of Western Canada. The situation merited and received the attention of the Dominion parliament and provincial legislatures and legislation was passed looking to the re-establishment of the Canadian Wheat Board. The proposed body would have possessed powers less comprehensive, however, than those of the Wheat Board of 1919. Greatly to the disappointment of your board of directors, and the farmers generally the project was abandoned because it was found to be impossible to secure suitable men to undertake the management.

The freight rates on grain and grain products were restored to the level agreed upon in the Crow's Nest Pass agreement. This relief did not affect the crop of 1921, but considerable benefit is being derived during the current crop year from these long overdue reductions.

The maintenance of the import duties against agricultural products imposed by the government of the United States under the Emergency Tariff adversely affected the interests of agriculture. It is probable that the prices of grain were not materially affected by this condition, since they are dominated by the world price, but some dislocation of trade and readjustment of markets was inevitable.

Financial Statement

Copies of the financial statements have already been mailed to the shareholders of the company, and the balance sheet for the financial year will be presented to you during this meeting. After making allowance for all proper charges, there is shown a net profit for the year of \$463,056.63. A cash dividend of 8 per cent. on the paid-up value of the shares has been paid to the company's shareholders. Recommendations as to the disposal of the surplus available for distribution will be laid before you during this meeting.

Organization Department

Organization carried on by your board of directors has resulted in the formation of 15 new locals during the year, bringing the total number to 354. The new locals are Beatty, Brooksby, Carmel, Cudworth, Domremy, Hoey, La Porte, Lestock, Prince, Revenue, Rowatt, Wakaw, Whittome, Young and Zehner. The total number of shares allotted up to July 31, 1922, is 75,082. The shares are held by 23,014 persons of whom over 94 per cent are still resident in the province.

Construction Department

Elevators were built at all of the points beforementioned, and also at Beechy which was organized last year. The elevator at Shellbrook which was destroyed by fire was rebuilt; the loss being fully covered by insurance. All country elevators were maintained in good working condition and extensive improvements were made in a number of cases.

Country Elevator Department

During the year 332 elevators were operated and handled a total of 34,769,955 bushels of all grains. In addition 2,565,422 bushels were shipped over the platform, making a total handling of 37,335,377 bushels in comparison with 27,990,437 bushels handled during the previous year. The percentages of "street" and "stored" grain were 47.70 per cent. and 52.30 per cent. respectively, the corresponding figures for the previous year being 31.18 per cent. and 68.82 per cent. The average handling per elevator also shows a considerable increase over the previous year being 104,729 bushels as compared with 81,863 bushels for the season 1920-21. The best individual handling for the year was achieved by the company's elevator at Assiniboia which shipped a total of 273,707 bushels.

Commission Department

The excellent showing made by the Commission Sales Department in past years was maintained; 36,519,352 bushels of grain were handled during the year, being over 97 per cent. of the total handling at country elevators. As noted in previous reports, this condition reflects the confidence of our shareholders and patrons in this department.

Terminal Elevator Department

The total quantity of grain handled by our terminal elevator during the year was 22,419,398 bushels, being an increase of 38 per cent. over the previous year. The fact that the terminal handled so large a quantity of grain appears to your board fully to have justified the actions of the company in providing terminal facilities for handling and storing the grain of its patrons and furnishing accommodation for grain ordered "held" by them.

Publicity Department

In connection with the Company's Publicity Department, your directors desire to express their sincere regret at the removal by death early in the present year of Edgar C. Dawson, the former editor of The Co-operative News.

The work of the department continues to be of value and interest, including the discussion in The News of many of the economic problems confronting the western grain growers. The subjects dealt with have embraced the railway and freight rate problems, the country elevator tariff, grain transportation conditions and the development of grain routes, the operation of the Canadian and United States tariffs, banking and rural credit problems and other matters affecting the economic well-being of farmers.

Changes in the Company's Officers

Your directors regret to announce the retirement from the directorate and from the office of managing director of James Robinson, who has been appointed a member of the Board of Grain Commissioners. Mr. Robinson was connected with the company as a director, and in various other capacities from its inception, and the board wishes to express its keen appreciation of the services rendered by him and its deep regret at his retirement. Other changes necessitated by the foregoing include the election of Hon. J. A. Maharg, as vice-president, and of J. B. Musselman as managing director.

Reflections and Outlook

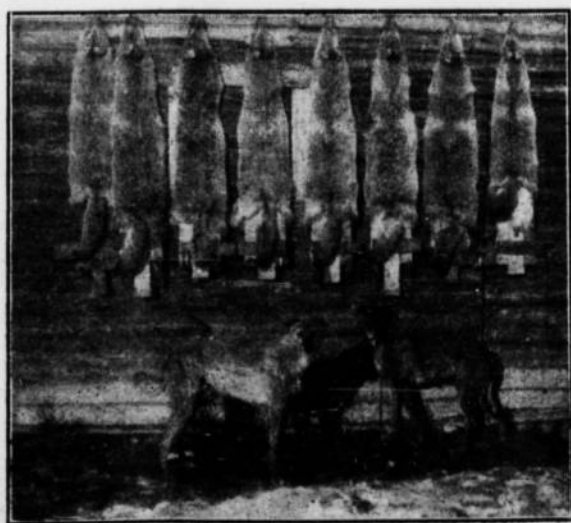
The crop of 1921 yielded a higher average than any during the four years immediately preceding it, but, as the prices obtained were down to pre-war levels, the proceeds were not sufficient to meet the pressing requirements of the farmers. While there had been some reduction in the prices of farm supplies, as there has been from time to time since, they were and are still very much out of proportion with those of farm produce. Your directors, therefore, are aware that there continues to be the utmost necessity to use every measure at their disposal to secure for our shareholders and farmers generally the maximum of returns for their grain and to this end they have constantly striven.

This year climatic conditions have been favorable to the production of a quick maturing crop of good average yield and high quality. While early in the season there was considerable anxiety on account of the lateness of the seeding, the crop matured very quickly and was harvested in good time and excellent condition, so that Saskatchewan is marketing probably the biggest crop of wheat the province has ever grown. Of this a larger quantity has been transported and marketed than to the same date in any preceding crop season. It is encouraging to note, therefore, that contrary to the expectations of many who are considered competent to judge in such matters, the price has held comparatively firm in spite of the immense quantity offered for sale.

Seldom if ever has a Saskatchewan wheat crop been of such uniformly high grade as that of this year. The inspections have shown that nearly 90 per cent. of the wheat inspected has graded No. 1 and 2 Northern, more than three-fourths of this being No. 1. As a consequence the spreads between grades are very much narrower than last year.

Your directors do not care to make predictions, but express the hope that prices of grain may tend toward higher rather than lower levels, and that prices of supplies may continue downward until on a reasonable parity with those of farm products. We confidently hope that 1922 may prove but the beginning of a series of good crop years, and that shareholders and patrons of the company may be entering on a period of less rigorous financial depression than so many of them have had to endure and against which they have so courageously striven during recent years.

Signed: Geo. Langley, Jas. Robinson, J. A. Maharg, executive.



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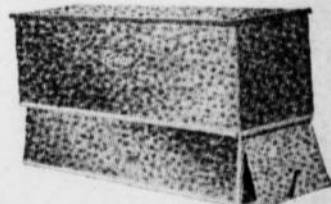
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The adoption of the report was seconded by Hon. George Langley, president of the company. Mr. Langley reviewed the economic situation of the farmers of the province and referred to the failure of the efforts to establish a wheat board under the federal and provincial legislation passed with that object in view. At the conclusion of his speech the report was unanimously adopted. The balance sheet and profit and loss account of the company for the year ended July 31, 1922, were then read and explained by the general manager, F. W. Riddell. All questions put by the delegates were satisfactorily answered and the statements and the recommendation of the directors for the disposal of the surplus shown were adopted. The following is the balance sheet:

Balance Sheet as at July 31, 1922

Assets	
Country Elevators (less reserve for depreciation)	\$2,684,707.34
Terminal Elevators (less reserve for depreciation)	2,160,801.27
Freehold Lands and Buildings (less reserve for depreciation)	356,558.58
Furniture and Fixtures (less reserve for depreciation)	6,700.53
Cash at Banks and Offices	133,464.13
Investments	208,483.33
Stocks on hand of Grain, Equipment, Supplies, Etc.	271,955.56
Accounts and Bills Receivable	1,306,687.61
Unexpired Services and Other	
Deferred Charges	51,282.08
	\$7,180,640.43

Liabilities	
Government of Saskatchewan—Loans and Accrued Interest	\$3,305,228.62
Accounts Payable	482,824.66
Employees' Accident Insurance and Death Benefits	27,408.77
Dividends Unclaimed	10,913.96
Application Moneys not Allotted	5,542.50
Share Capital and Reserves—Share Capital	
Authorized .. \$4,000,000	
Subscribed .. 3,754,100	
Share Capital Paid Up	1,451,306.00
Reserves	1,434,359.29
Profit and Loss Account—Amount brought forward July 31, 1921	\$279,413.70
Distributed—Dividends .. 111,983.68	
Transferred to Reserves .. 167,430.02	
	\$279,413.70
Profit for year ended July 31, 1922, after providing for Dominion Taxation	463,056.63
	\$7,180,640.43

New Directors

After the adjournment for luncheon the meeting proceeded to the nomination of candidates for the three vacancies on the board of directors, two caused by the retirement of W. C. Mills and J. B. Musselman at the conclusion of their three-year term of office, and one by the resignation from the board of James Robinson. Nine candidates were nominated, and the voting resulted in the election of W. C. Mills, J. B. Musselman and A. McClelland. The full board for 1922-23 consists of the following: Hon. George Langley, Hon. J. A. Maharg, J. B. Musselman, W. C. Mills, John Evans, M.P.; Thos. Sales, M.P.; A. G. Hawkes, H. C. Fleming and A. McClelland.

Grain Marketing Problems

Many matters of interest in connection with the operations of the company and the system of grain marketing were discussed during the sittings of the delegates, which extended until late in the afternoon of Thursday, the 23rd. At the conclusion of somewhat lengthy consideration of the scale of handling charges at present in force at the company's country elevators, a resolution endorsing the existing charges, which include a 2 1/2 cent per bushel storage charge on special binned grain, was passed, the resolution receiving the support of 90 per cent. of the delegates present.

The discussion of grain marketing occupied a considerable portion of the sittings. The delegates went very thoroughly into every aspect of the question, including the desirability of a wheat board, and the reasons for the inability of the provincial authorities to

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obtain competent managers for that proposed in the recent legislation. It was finally decided to refer the matter to the Canadian Council of Agriculture, which should endeavor, if possible, with the assistance of the governments of the three prairie provinces, to secure from the federal parliament such amendments to the Wheat Board Act as in its opinion are necessary to make the full success of the wheat board possible. A resolution urging the federal government to carry the Hudson Bay Railway to completion as speedily as possible was also unanimously carried.

Presentation to Retiring Director

On Wednesday evening the delegates, visiting shareholders and officials, together with a number of guests, were entertained by the company at a banquet and social evening. J. W. Hamilton, assistant general manager of the Union Bank of Canada, who was invited by the president, Hon. George Langley, to address the assemblage, discussed some of the relations of the banks to the farming community and made an interesting reference to the Commonwealth Bank of Australia, contrasting its large reserve funds with the amount of loans extended, and suggesting that its policy in the latter respect would hardly commend itself to Canadian farmers. Among other speakers were Hon. J. A. Cross, who spoke of the excellent record and rapid growth of the company, and John Evans, M.P., who gave some of the impressions gained in his recent visit to the Old Country. A delightful musical program was rendered during the evening.

An interesting ceremony, performed by Hon. George Langley on behalf of the board of directors and shareholders of the company, was the presentation to James Robinson of a handsome case of heirloom cutlery and silver in recognition of his services to the organization during its formation and throughout its existence, until his retirement in August last to become a member of the Board of Grain Commissioners. Mr. Robinson expressed his appreciation of the gift and wished the shareholders and directors continued success in the operation of the company.

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Morrin, Alberta, and by locals from several other points in Alberta, calling for a change in policy that would permit of a co-operative patronage dividend, was discussed at considerable length. The general opinion expressed by delegates in the discussion was very favorable to the plan of patronage dividends, and C. Rice-Jones, general manager of the company, spoke in favor of the principle also.

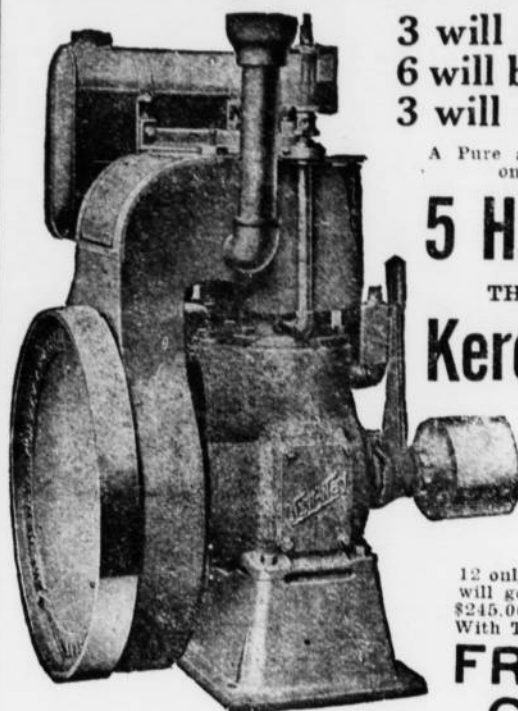
It was made clear, however, that under the charter of the company, it was necessary to pay a dividend first upon the capital stock, as is done in all co-operative companies, before it is possible to pay a patronage dividend, and owing to the fact that there were no profits from which to pay a stock dividend, the resolution was voted down.

A resolution submitted by the local at Maclin, Saskatchewan, asked that district conventions be held under the direction of a high official of the company, in order to disseminate wider information upon the business of the company. While the idea commended itself to the delegates quite generally, the resolution was voted down on the ground solely of economy, but it was felt it would be necessary during the coming year.

Livestock Commissions

A resolution submitted from Craigmyle, Alberta, local pointed out that as livestock had declined in price to a point below pre-war figures, it was desirable that the commission for handling livestock shipments should be reduced to pre-war figures also. After discussion, it was pointed out that co-operative livestock shipments, which had originated during the past few years, could not be handled as cheaply as ear-load shipments of cattle or hogs owned by one person. Mr. Rice-Jones pointed out that the profit in handling livestock at Winnipeg, Calgary and Edmonton, which had been operated profitably during the past year, was approximately \$1.00 per car, and that, if the commission charges were reduced from the

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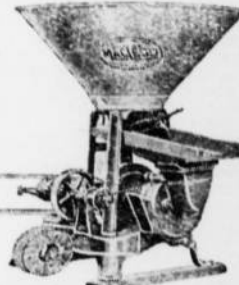
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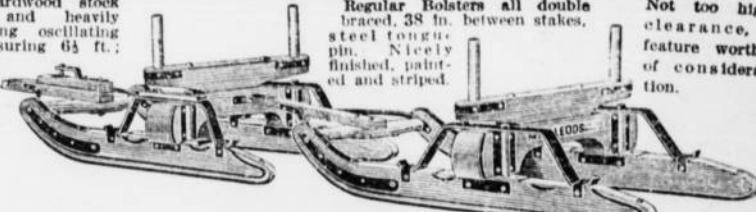
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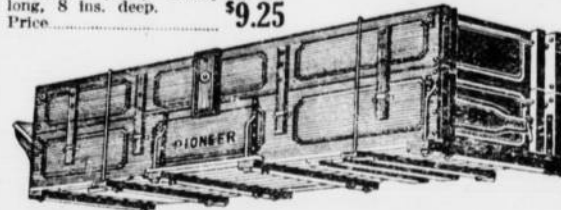
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present figure of \$17 to the pre-war figure of \$12 per ear, it would entail considerable loss in the Livestock Department. The resolution, was therefore amended, with the idea that the board would use its best judgment in urging the reduction of livestock charges as the cost of handling livestock went down, and with this change was considered. The Hamiota, Manitoba, local, sent in a resolution asking that the company be operated as an ordinary joint stock company, and that the stock be placed on the market, but it received small support from the delegates and was lost by an overwhelming majority.

Sample Market

The question of a sample market was debated from a resolution sent in from Hamiota, Manitoba. Upon request for advice, Mr. Rice-Jones explained that the Dominion government by order-in-council during the war had made provision for the sale of wheat by sample market on the Winnipeg market. The company had received about one dozen car loads of wheat with instructions to sell on sample market. The Winnipeg Grain Exchange had set aside a room with sample tables and regulations had been made by the Board of Grain Commissioners for the operation of a sample market during the five years since it was brought into effect by the government.

John Kennedy, vice-president of the company, in response to a question stated that he had warmly advocated a sample market in the year past, but after thorough investigation of the conditions in Minneapolis and other parts of the United States as well as in Canada, he had found that a sample market could not be operated in Winnipeg with benefit to the producers so long as the large milling companies operated their own line elevator systems, which practically gave them the benefits of a sample market. The Minneapolis millers did not operate their own line elevators and, furthermore, Minneapolis was the largest milling centre in the world. For that reason a sample market could be operated successfully at Minneapolis, because millers went on the market and bought the grain on sample. In Canada, however, the conditions were widely different, and Mr. Kennedy had found that the sample market could not give the public all that he once thought it held for Canadian farmers. Following this information the resolution was lost by a large majority.

Wheat Board

The most lengthy discussion centred around the question of a wheat board, only one delegate present, Rice Shepard, of Edmonton, expressing himself in opposition to the desire for the creation of a wheat board. At the close of the discussion the following resolution, which was an amendment to the original resolution, was passed practically unanimously on the motion of W. D. Trego:

"That we ask the Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba governments to organize a workable wheat board, and if they find they need enabling legislation from the Dominion government that they ask for it."

Mr. Trego felt that the reason there was no wheat board last year was because the federal legislation contained jokers which made it impossible for a wheat board to operate under that legislation. The joker which Mr. Trego felt had been inserted in the bill was that which made the wheat board an incorporated body. All the private grain interests would be opposed to a wheat board, and by securing one injunction after the other, they would be able to hold up the wheat board and render it ineffective, which they would not be able to do if the board was not an incorporated body. If the three governments of the prairie provinces, however, got together and were able by provincial legislation to secure a workable wheat board which could be made effective with enabling legislation from Ottawa, he doubted if the federal government would refuse to introduce the necessary legislation in parliament.

Constitutional Difficulties

Mr. Crerar spoke at some length on the question, outlining the general situation. He stated definitely that he had no confidence in a wheat board as a

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permanent system of marketing the Western Canadian wheat crop, but that he would not present his personal views to the meeting but confine himself to information. The original wheat board of 1919, he pointed out, had been created under war conditions with compulsory powers, and those compulsory powers had not been questioned because of the conditions prevailing due to the war. He drew the attention of the delegates to the fact, however, that the Supreme Court of Canada and the Privy Council of Great Britain had given a decision on a similar case in relation to the Board of Commerce, by which they held that the parliament of Canada did not have the power to pass such legislation as that which created the Board of Commerce with the wide compulsory powers conferred upon it. It was a similar situation as that of the wheat board, and Mr. Crerar stated that the Canadian parliament did not have the power to create a compulsory wheat board. He outlined the situation by which Confederation was brought about in 1867, by the enactment of the British North America Act, which gave certain powers to the Dominion and certain other powers to the provinces. Such questions as matters of contract were specifically reserved to the provinces, and, consequently, the Dominion parliament could not withdraw these powers from the provinces.

Provinces Must Concur

The only way in which a compulsory wheat board could be brought into existence was by federal legislation supplemented by provincial legislation. It was foolish to think that the federal parliament could be forced to go to the British parliament and secure the necessary amendments to the British North America Act to enable the creation of a compulsory wheat board, because it would require that certain powers be taken away from the provinces, and the eastern provinces of Canada, at least, would not voluntarily yield these up. Last session, Mr. Crerar stated, the federal parliament went as far as it reasonably could go in the enactment of enabling legislation. The Progressive party in parliament felt that it was not necessary for the wheat board to have the control of flour, as they would secure all the benefits required by having full control over the marketing of wheat. Following the passage of the federal legislation, the legislatures of Saskatchewan and Alberta have passed the necessary provincial legislation at their special session, and the government had set out to put the wheat board in operation.

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Mr. Crerar stated frankly that he thought some of the conventions had made a mistake in asking for a wheat board providing that it was conducted by the same men who had been in charge of it in 1919, because when they declined to take charge of the wheat board this year it discouraged others who later on were asked to take the positions.

Financial Responsibility

The high prices secured for wheat by the wheat board in 1919, Mr. Crerar believed, were due to the peculiar conditions in England when there was a threatened coal strike, and the British government laid in enormous stocks of wheat regardless of price and paid as high as \$4.00 a bushel for that wheat because they were determined there should be no shortage of food and that the great coal and transportation strikes must be broken. One way Mr. Crerar suggested to secure the wheat board for the next crop would be to ask the federal government by order-in-council to extend the wheat board legislation for another year, and then the provinces might act under the legislation which they had already passed. He assured the delegates, however, that the federal government would take no financial responsibility in connection with the operation of the wheat board. The provinces of Eastern Canada, which sent the majority of members to the House of Commons, regarded the wheat board matter as a purely western problem, and they felt that it was not fair for the other provinces of Canada or for the Dominion government to be placed in a position where they would run the risk of heavy losses in the operation of the wheat board for the benefit of the prairie provinces.

Should Be Incorporated

In regard to federal legislation having a joker in it providing for the incorporation of the wheat board, Mr. Crerar disagrees with Mr. Trego. He felt that it was only right that the wheat board should be incorporated, so that any person who felt that they suffered an injustice would have a reasonable right to recourse, which they would not have if the wheat board were not an incorporated body. Another point that Mr. Crerar wished to clear up was the suggestion that had been made in some newspapers that he personally was opposed to a wheat board because the profits of the United Grain Growers would suffer by the operation of a wheat board. He stated that all the answer necessary was that when the wheat board was operating in 1919 the profits of the United Grain Growers on the grain handled through their elevators were greater than any other year in the history of the company. He stated that he knew he spoke the views of every other member of the board of directors in saying that they would co-operate with the three provincial gov-

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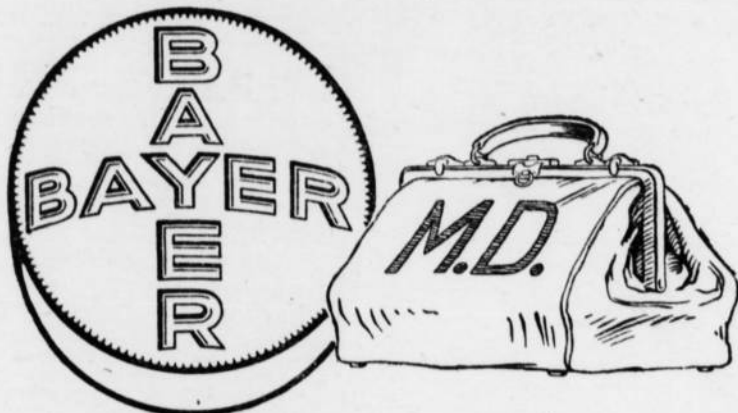
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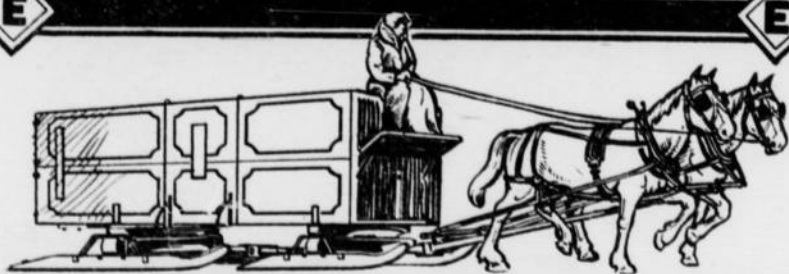
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A New Explanation for an Old Puzzle—By B. H. Ransom,
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ATEN-DAY tour through the body, from the intestine to the lungs and back again, is the strange trip taken during its early life by the common intestinal roundworm of the pig. The recent discovery of this habit of the young parasite has led to another interesting discovery, that if many of the worms go on their travels at the same time, the result to the animal whose lungs are thus invaded is often disastrous. The roundworm in question, which bears the name of *Ascaris lumbricoides*, is one of the most injurious parasites of pigs, and has long been recognized by swine breeders as a troublesome pest, causing digestive troubles, interfering with growth, and impairing health, especially in young animals. It is also of common occurrence in human beings, particularly children.

Eggs Hard to Spoil

The adult worms live in the small intestine. The female, measuring, when full grown, a foot or more in length, produces millions of eggs of microscopic size, which pass out of the body of the infested pig or human being in the intestinal excreta. These eggs are provided with thick, impermeable shells, and are endowed with remarkable vitality, so that they can withstand severe cold, dryness, and most chemical disinfectants. They have been known to remain alive as long as five years.

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Taking a Trip and Growing

Formerly it was supposed that the worm after hatching simply settled down in the intestine and continued its development, but as a result of recent investigations by Lieut.-Col. Stuart, of the Indian Medical Service, by Prof. Yoshida, of Osaka University, Japan, and by Mr. Foster and the writer, of the U.S. Bureau of Animal Industry, it is now known that the young parasite makes a circular tour—a sort of home-seeker's trip—through the body of the pig. After hatching, the young worm, which at this time measures less than one-one-hundredth of an inch in length, promptly leaves the intestine, gets into the blood vessels, and is carried first to the liver and then to the lungs, passing through the heart on the way. In the lungs it spends a number of days, but soon passes up the windpipe into the pharynx and then down the esophagus or gullet into the stomach and at last into the

small intestine. This journey from the intestine to the lungs and again into the intestine usually requires about ten days. Meanwhile the worm has grown considerably, and when it leaves the lungs and returns to the intestine it is nearly ten times as long as when it first hatched, although it is still too small to be seen without a microscope, and has yet to undergo an enormous growth before it is fully developed. It reaches maturity in about two and one-half months, including the time spent on its journey to the lungs and back again into the intestine.

Thumps

In passing through the lungs the young worms cause small hemorrhages, and if numerous they give rise to pneumonia, which may prove fatal. Moreover, it has been observed that pigs which survive the stage of lung infection often fail to grow and develop properly, and remain small, stunted and unprofitable. The symptoms shown by pigs whose lungs have been invaded by these worms are commonly known as "thumps." There are other causes of "thumps," which is a term loosely applied to almost any condition in pigs in which there is difficulty in breathing, but invasion of the lungs by young intestinal roundworms is one of the most frequent causes. Similar disturbances of respiration occur in human beings in the early stage of roundworm infection, and it is probable that some of the obscure lung troubles of children will be found to have the same basis as parasitic "thumps" in pigs.

Pigs as they become older become more resistant to infection by the intestinal roundworm and also are less likely to suffer seriously from the lung stage of the parasite.

How to Prevent Losses

The newly discovered facts that have been mentioned not only show that the common intestinal roundworm is a more dangerous parasite than formerly supposed, but also help to show how the damage it does may be avoided.

Because of its great prevalence among hogs, and because its eggs in hog yards and pastures are so long-lived, complete eradication of the parasite is a difficult matter, and not likely to be accomplished on most farms. It is readily possible, however, to manage in such a way as to eliminate the serious losses that often occur as a result of *Ascaris* infection. In short, the problem resolves itself largely into that of proper protection to young pigs until they have reached an age at which they are no longer likely to suffer serious injury even though they become infected.

Accordingly, clean and sanitary farrowing pens should be provided, into which the sows are placed a few days

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These are the steers Mr. McKillican fed last winter.

And this is his advice in regard to purchasing feeder steers: One should pick out feeders that show distinctly that they belong to one of the three beef breeds, Shorthorn, Angus or Hereford. Their color and conformation are the indications which will show this breeding. Dairy-bred or mongrel stock are not worth feeding. Usually they will make much smaller gains in weight than good beef-bred stock. Occasionally one will see a dairy-bred animal that will make heavy gains, but the

increase in weight is not put on to the best advantage, and the animal looks badly fleshed and out of proportion when it goes to the market. Then, aside from actual merit altogether, the buyers of fat cattle have formed such a strong predilection for beef breeding that an animal showing the colors of a dairy breed would be discriminated against even though it were actually as good an animal.

The feeder steer should be of the type that indicates thriftiness. This is usually shown by a low-set, compact body, a short head with broad muzzle, and a chest and middle big enough to perform the bodily functions efficiently. The loin and back and other valuable parts from the carcass standpoint, should show a good natural covering of flesh, not fat, but lean meat or muscling. This must be present naturally, as a poorly muscled animal will not make a good carcass, no matter how fattened.

How Fat

The most profitable steer for winter feeding is not the fattest steer. It is easily possible for the buyer of feeders to be carried away by the attractive appearance of fat animals and wish to get them. He should not attempt to compete with the butcher in buying cattle that are fit to kill. The thinner steers, if vigorous, healthy, of good type and breeding, will put on gains more cheaply and rapidly than the fatter animals. This does not mean that it is advisable to buy very thin cattle. These are likely to lack in health and vigor and to be poor feeders, and the medium course is, as in many other things, the wise one.

Size

The market now calls for handy weight cattle for killing. These are cattle that will weigh from 1,000 to 1,200 pounds. The feeder buyer should keep this in mind when buying. Yearlings and two-year-olds, weighing from 750 to 900 pounds, will make, after five or six months' feeding, the right weight of finished cattle to put on the market. Bigger, older steers get too heavy for the best Canadian trade, and do not make as profitable gains in the feed lot. If the British market is opened again, there may be a better market for the big fellows.

Temperament

One of the most important considerations in buying feeders, and one most likely to be overlooked, is temperament. There is no more unsatisfactory steer to feed than a wild, frightened one. Such an animal is always jumping up and stirring about, keeping the whole lot in commotion, not doing well himself, and disturbing the others. It is well worth while to observe this point in buying steers, and, if possible, get them all of the quiet, contented kind.

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ernments in every way possible to secure a workable wheat board, but he felt that perhaps the delegates did not appreciate the difficulties there were in the way of bringing it about.

A resolution from Macklin, Sask., local was passed asking for the completion of the Hudson Bay Railway. The delegates passed a resolution sent in from Leduc, Alberta, local asking that the two farmers' companies—the United Grain Growers Limited and the Saskatchewan Co-operative Elevator Company—make an effort to establish a centralized marketing system for grain through a board elected by themselves.

Confidence in Directors

The chief discussion during the closing session of the meeting on Friday evening took place on a resolution calling for the resignation of any official of the company who entered politics.

There was a great variety of opinions expressed by the delegates. After a statement by Mr. Crerar, the resolution was rejected almost unanimously.

E. J. Fream, who is retiring from the secretaryship to accept a position on the Board of Public Utilities for Alberta, was given a very hearty vote of appreciation of his services.

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Women in British Elections

WE have, during this month, witnessed, from a distance, two general elections, one in Great Britain and one in the United States. These elections have been particularly interesting to women because of the fact that women played a greater part in them than they ever have before in the history of both countries. Women did not seem to experience any especially great difficulty in being recognized as important factors in the campaign and in receiving nomination. There were 33 women candidates and they represented every shade and color of political thought. There were Independents, Laborites, Conservatives, Liberals and Unionists among their number. There was no strong effort towards forming a woman's party or towards herding "the woman vote" in any one direction. Women showed as much difference in the political thinking as did men.

With the election over the actual position of women in the House of Commons remains just what it was before, two—Lady Astor and Mrs. Margaret Wintringham. Lady Astor ran as a Conservative and drew strong support from temperance forces. She polled a good safe majority of over 3,000 and she claims that her election marks a defeat to the liquor forces in Plymouth. "I represent," says Lady Astor, "what the average man and woman wants—social reform in a sane manner. Plymouth has always been my Virginia in England and I could not say more of any place. The anti-American cry which is being used by the brewers all over England got no response here. I don't believe you can fight for what is highest and best without getting a response, especially if people feel that you mean it in your heart."

Mrs. Wintringham, the first British-born woman to sit in the House of Commons, was also re-elected in Louth, the seat formerly occupied by her deceased husband. Mrs. Wintringham does not make quite such a "stir" as Lady Astor, but her quiet devotion to her duties has impressed her fellow members. She is a consistent Independent Liberal.

Looking over the list of women who stood for election one is somewhat surprised that a greater number were not returned as many of them were women who have achieved national prominence in one way or another. Mrs. Burnett Smith, who ran in Glasgow, is better known as Annie Swan, the novelist and writer of stories for girls. Mrs. Corbett Ashby is secretary of the International Suffrage Alliance. Mrs. Coombe Tenant was a British delegate to the League of Nations Assembly and is a friend and staunch supporter of Lloyd George. Mrs. Oliver Strachey is editor of the Woman's Leader and is much interested in the League of Nations. Maude Royden is England's famous woman preacher. She ran as a Labor candidate. Dr. Maria Gordon has written several books on geology and took the first degree ever conferred upon a woman by the University of Munich. Mrs. Helen Vaughan is famous because of her work as a botanist and as commandant of the Women's Royal Air Force. Lady Cooper, who contested the seat from which her husband was retiring, made a very strong run in the campaign, coming about 500 votes behind the successful candidate.

Knowing as we do that in a country with as dense a population as Great Britain, with a tendency toward conservative action, changes must necessarily come slowly, we can be satisfied that the cause of the advancement of women is not losing ground, but rather is on firmer footing than ever before.

Training Homemakers

Recently, a famous man said that "the two greatest needs of today are the making of homemakers and the training of people to love their work." There is no doubt about the truth of this statement, for without homemakers the nation cannot live, and without being trained to love their work the rising generation will not be fond of making homes.

Fortunately for civilization there are many "born homemakers" who choose their profession because they realize its importance and were trained from youth

to take pleasure in making a home. Their mothers were doubtless people who placed homemaking on the high plane to which it belongs. It is easy to understand that the daughters of a woman who simply hates what she calls "the drudgery of a housekeeper" seldom appreciate the dignity and happiness of a homemaker's profession. In all probability they declare emphatically that they will never be slaves and drudges like their mothers.

A wise woman starts at an early age to make homemaking attractive to her daughter. A good way to commence is to take an interest in her doll. By helping her to make its clothing and to build a house for it she will soon think it is the greatest game she ever played. In reality she is learning to make miniatures of her own clothes. Every small child loves to imitate what her mother does, and if there is a baby in the family she feels that she and her doll are just like mother and the new brother.

It may be a little trouble to show a youngster how to roll out her small piece of cookie dough, but think what she is learning. How much better it is to say, "Now, Dorothy, if you are a good girl you may help mother to sweep the floor," than to inflict the job as a punishment or to make her feel that it is a burden. Let a child believe that household chores are a game and she will take to them like a duck does to water—even if the job is dishwashing. Persuade her that she is such a help that mother couldn't get along without her and she will soon begin to feel a partner in the home.

Father and the boys can help a great deal by taking the right attitude towards

us the time would be all too short for all we have to tell. But with pen and paper before us we wonder if we have anything to tell after all. If we could get the idea that writing is "long distance conversation" firmly fixed in our minds our thoughts would flow more freely and the awkwardness of our hand would not prevent us from getting those thoughts into written words.

What do friends look for in letters? Most of all they want to know what we are doing and thinking. In conversation it is very bad form to talk to any great length about yourself and your feelings, but in letter writing egotism is pardonable, even commendable. They are concerned about you rather than what you are seeing. They want to know how the surroundings are affecting you and your sincere opinion on these matters means a great deal to them. They are more concerned with how you liked and what you thought of a certain place or building than they are with a word picture of it.

If there is one time in particular that we ought to guard against describing our feelings that is when we are "feeling blue." Somehow or other that is the time when the writing mood is likely to be strongest upon us. There seems, then, to be the very human desire for understanding and sympathy, and before we are aware of it we have unloaded an extra burden of trouble or worry upon the shoulders of our kind friends, who may at the very same moment be battling against some trouble of their own. We were told during the years of the war that in order to keep up the morale of the men in the trenches we should not write them of our worries at home. That, it seems to me, is a good rule to follow in peace times, especially during the trying times we are just passing through. Most people have just about enough worry of their own without carrying an extra load of someone else's. Of course there are exceptions to this rule and there are times when we get into difficulties and we want the opinion and advice of a trusted friend and we know they would give it very willingly if once they appreciated our position.

Some people have an excellent gift of giving a humorous twist to ordinary remarks that makes their letters delightful reading. Some can write of the most trivial matters or the most ordinary people and make them appear very interesting. Little character sketches of people are always good. In fact people are always interesting to other people. We need to cultivate the habit of observing people and things and expressing our thoughts freely. Then our letters will rank among those to which our friends will look forward to with pleasure.

When the legs of a chair are uneven, tack a piece of cork to the short leg, using small tacks and driving them well into the wood. They will sink away in and so will not scratch the floor and the cork itself will act like a rubber pad, eliminating that disagreeable scraping sound.—Mrs. J.N.

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A Boy in the House

A racket, a rattle, a rollicking shout.
Above and below and round and about.
A whistling, a pounding, a hammering of nails,
A building of houses, the shaping of sails.
Entreaties for paper, for scissors, for string.
For every unfindable bothersome thing.
A bang at the door, a dash up the stairs,
An elephant hunt for a bit of a mouse,
Makes it easy to hear there's a boy in the house.

But, oh! if the tops were not scattered about,
And the house never echoed to racket and rout;
If forever the rooms were tidy and neat
And one need not brush after wee muddy feet;
If no one laughed out when the morning was red,
And with kisses went tumbling all tired to bed,
What a wearisome, workaday world don't you see,
For all who love wild little laddies 'twould be.
And I'm happy to say, though I shrink like a mouse,
From disorder and din—there's a boy in the house.

homemaking. Community organizations, such as boys' and girls' clubs, and young people's locals, should place homemaking projects on the same level as boys' work. When school boards and teachers give home economics a place in the curriculum they are not only preparing girls for their future occupations, but are putting homemaking on a par with the "three R's." The church, too, can do much to create a desire in the minds of girls to have homes of their own.

If the home, the school, the church and the community at large will do their utmost to place homemaking on its right level, we need have no fear of the Empire tottering from lack of mothers who are in love with their work.

The Art of Letter Writing

It is always a delight to receive letters no matter how much we may dislike writing them. There is something mysteriously exciting about a sealed envelope containing a personal letter. It is a pleasure, sometimes, to delay the opening of it just to prolong the pleasant anticipation of reading it.

Letter writing is an art and I believe that it ranks second to the very rare art of conversation. And yet when many of us hold a pen in hand ready to start a letter we appear to suffer from some sort of temporary mental paralysis and we are at a loss as to what to write. If our friend were sitting in the same room with

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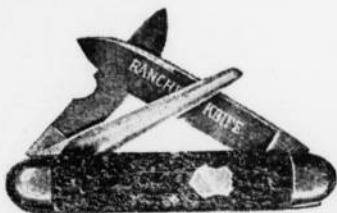
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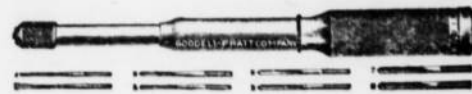


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Russia and Capitalism

The Editor.—The word "capitalism" is to extremists like a red rag to a bull. The Soviets of Russia have done their best to destroy capital in their country and have, in so doing, brought their people to poverty and starvation. The Soviets killed those that had capital—landed proprietors, owners of factories, stores, etc.—that provided employment. One would think that with all this stolen wealth, and having all the means of production, distribution, and the manufacture of roubles in their own hand, Russia would have shown good results. She is a warning, as Balfour aptly put it, "this system makes the well to do poor, but it does not make the poor richer." All incentive to production is destroyed. Individual quality is uprooted. One of your writers says "Sovietism established the rule of the people." Save the mark! The government of Trotsky and Lenin is a tyranny, there is no parliament no representation of the people. Trotsky's power is upheld by 800,000 soldiers well fed, while the people die of starvation. The surest means to a full stomach and to life is to be a soldier.

Meanwhile the Soviet is glad of food from "capitalist America and England." Gifts of old clothes, anything to keep the people just alive, and indeed generous gifts have been poured into Russia from the peoples of U.S.A. and England. Wm. Kastler tells us, "the misery and starvation of the Russian people has solely been brought about by the capitalist governments of U.S.A. and Europe." These governments are democratic as compared with that of Russia. Russia was blockaded for a time. The reason is simple, the Soviet government used the gold stolen from the people to undermine and bring to anarchy the democratic governments of all the states of Europe, England and America, letting the Russians die while so doing. Well paid Soviet emissaries were sent into all lands to spread Bolshevism; gold was freely spent to subvert people's allegiance to ordered rule. But for these things there would have been no blockade. Now Trotsky and Lenin are asking the modest (?) sum of 550 million pounds (not dollars, reader) as a loan from the "capitalist governments" of Europe, England and U.S.A. There was a disposition to oblige, but these governments cannot see that Russia will attempt to repay the loan or give any security for it. "Reputation" is the Soviet policy. Let a business genius like Henry Ford produce; he pays good wages, reasonable hours of labor, good treatment to his men. The government should tax his profits high, and heavier taxes on all wealth he bequeaths. New Zealand points the way. She has made many experiments in economics that have been highly successful. But away with revolution let us move steadily from precedent to precedent. I have been a working man in a factory. I am a farmer now. Is he not a working man also! I have had bad crops for five years, and have lost some \$4,000. I am well up against the "capitalism" that exploits—the middle men, the manipulators of our products, profiteers, railway exploiters, banks. I know the whole thing by experience. I would not destroy "capital," I would use it. But I would have just laws that would not allow any man to get very rich. I have seen homesteaders start with no capital. I have seen their struggles, how they have had to work for farmers and others to live, to pay for plowing and cropping patches of their land. But on proving up in three years \$1,000 is borrowed, an outfit of horses is bought and the homesteader fast increases his production and his gains, and he has no employers. I have gone through this process myself. Capital is a friend if rightly used. Capital is savings. Capital and labor are both needed. Our government should neither give nor sell these fertile lands. All land rural or urban should be rented on a just tenure. The rent of land should be reasonable, and would take the place of taxes on commodities and be a government income. Our capital would not have to be used to buy land but to develop our farms. The unearned increment would not go into the pockets of speculators and capitalists, but would belong to the country. The high rents in towns and cities would disappear, there would be no ground landlord or owner. Co-operation is good; it can be improved. Co-operation in production, in buying and selling. We should patronize the co-operative elevators, the farmers own them, the capitalist class is excluded; whatever gains there are belong to the men who produce the grain.—W.H., Dundurn.

Marketing Problems

The Editor.—This season we have seen a crop harvested which, under normal conditions, ought to have brought general prosperity to the West, although there may still be some aftermath of the war to be considered. Yet, instead of smiling faces we see the farmers at their wits end, many giving up in despair, harassed by debts and expenses. This is not said unadvisedly, but is backed by facts right here in the Red River Valley—a district more favored by good crops in the last decade than

surrounding districts; but we find some of our farmers abandoning all for the benefits of their creditors.

The cause is well known—a market price entirely out of line with the cost of production and export, but where is the solution? The farmer, as a producer, has never been fully appreciated. Let us review his position as compared with the other workers. He is a purchaser as well as they, but in marketing his products he has no alternative but to accept a market price without any consideration of cost of production, plus a margin of profit. His hired man is better off, because he at least has the pleasure of the farmer of setting a value on his labor, likewise, the manufacturer, miner, employees of corporations and others.

Why should those engaged in this most important of all Canadian industries not be placed in the same favorable position? Until such time as this problem is solved, farming will continue unpopular. Our Great West cannot afford to dilly-dally with these acute conditions. We all are agreed that we need a continuous flow of immigration if the near future is to be an era of greater national prosperity. With the exception of this one great drawback, there are wonderful inducements to offer the intending immigrant. Necessity has finally brought the farmer to the forefront politically. Will he have constructive genius to cope with the situation? The wheat board provided for during the last session proved too unwieldy, and it was feared it might be disruptive in its effect and not materially beneficial.

Mr. Editor, might it not be possible with our present marketing organization, to establish a wheat board, or commission, including the other four great grain exporting countries—United States, Argentine, Australia and Canada? The members of this board to be selected by the farmers organizations collaborating with their respective governments. The duties or work of these men would be to ascertain and submit the actual cost per bush, plus a reasonable margin of profit to the producer; and to set this as the minimum price for the world market. Such a scheme need not necessarily interfere with the present efficient exporting methods, nor be at all disruptive. Had a system of this nature been in force this season and the opening prices of the season been maintained, how much different our position might have been.

Owing to very close contact with the farming interests in this older district, the deplorable relation of the farmer and his market prices has been most forcibly brought to our notice, hence the reason for attempting to solve such a formidable problem. Your paper has always stood for the best in public service, therefore we know that your columns are open, and knowing that many are thinking along similar lines, we offer these suggestions, hoping that very soon some practical benefit may accrue to our basic industry—farming.—F. H. MacKenzie, Morris, Man.

The Progressive Conference

The Editor.—I wish I could congratulate the Progressive caucus on having expressed just one powerful, one great idea, looking towards the liberation of agriculture from the predatory strangle-hold of private monopoly. Did the caucus, did nobody have any idea of what is wrong, nor any idea how to right it? Was there no time, no inclination to revise the program? Did our representatives not have any definite objective? Did it not embrace the idea of rebuilding its platform behind closed doors? also, to reform its caucus principles so that it would become the party of the future.

On the other hand it is pleasant work to be able to congratulate all Progressive-electors and those M.P.'s who kept guard over our political principles—the "golden apples" of democracy—it is they who have slain the dragon of fusion. We have escaped the rock of Scylla, and I believe we shall also escape the danger now confronting us of being drawn into the Charybdis of autocratic, old-party rule. Every well-informed, unbiased person knows what is wrong with the economics of Canada—monopoly—private monopolies—created by the two old parties. These monopolies now ramify throughout Canada's entire structure of production and exchange; and distribution is our modern profiteers—field to extract tribute from the producer and consumer.

All Canadian monopolies have been capitalized not on any real value, but upon the earning power derived from monopoly, privileges granted by both old-party governments; this is primarily what is economically wrong and what the Progressives must attack if the people are ever to obtain anything approaching a square deal. Until this is changed, nothing else matters. These private privilege-exploiters can meet our Progressive organization leaders and with their plausible tactics, can deceive, corrupt and capture it.

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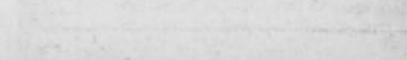
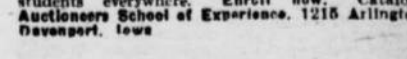
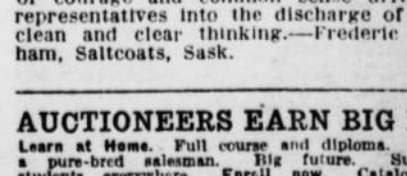
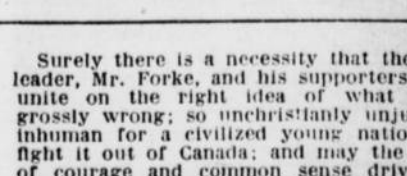
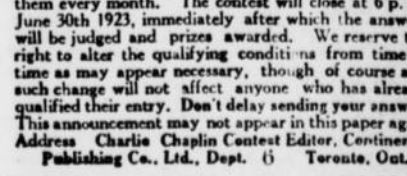
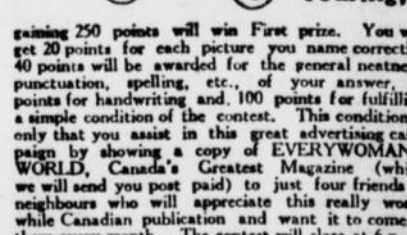
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Pig Parasites and Thumps

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before farrowing. Mud and dirt from
long-used hog yards and wallows, likely
to be heavily laden with infectious
Ascaris eggs, should be cleaned from
the skin, especially from the udder,
before the sows enter the farrowing
pens.From the farrowing pens the sows
and pigs are transferred to fields or
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from infection, and until the pigs are
about three months old they are rigidly
excluded from permanent hog yards and
pastures and other places likely to be
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Fowl,		8c
under 4 lbs.		
Roosters,		8c
lb.		
Ducks,		13c
lb.		
Geese,		13c
lb.		

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5 lbs. and under		
Fowl,		19c
over 5 lbs.		
Fowl,		15c
4 to 5 lbs.		
Fowl,		11c
under 4 lbs.		
Old Roosters,		10c
lb.		
Ducks,		18c
over 6 lbs.		
Ducks,		16c
under 6 lbs.		
Geese,		18c
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Geese,		17c
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The Farmers' Market

Office of the United Grain Growers Limited, Winnipeg, Manitoba, November 24, 1922.

WHEAT—Markets during the latter part of the week have displayed an easier tendency with November delivery, wheat being resold by export houses who would apparently prefer to put the grain back on to the market at the premium over the December and May deliveries than ship it. This reselling, however, is of comparatively small proportions and the shipments East from the lake ports are very heavy. The Liverpool market has declined somewhat during the last few days, but their decline has not affected American markets very much, the deferred deliveries especially being very firm. The producers holding wheat have been very indifferent to the advance in values, public sentiment having turned to the buying side of the market. The fact that there is a seven cent premium for delivery this month, compared with December prices, should not be overlooked.

OATS—Market has been steady during the week with very little change in values. All grades of cash oats in good demand, but offerings for this time of year very light. Prices seem firm at present levels.

BARLEY—Dull and without feature. Trade within narrow range. Shippers getting all their requirements without any difficulty.

FLAX—Market firm with crushers taking all cash flax at a fractional premium over the November.

RYE—Prices have declined several cents during the week. American interests have been heavy sellers. Keen demand for all grades of cash rye.

WINNIPEG FUTURES

	Nov. 20 to 25 inclusive	20	21	22	23	24	25	Week Ago	Year Ago
Wheat—									
Nov.	114	114	112	110	111	109	114	113	
Dec.	105	107	105	104	104	103	107		
May	108	110	108	108	108	107	110	113	
Oats—									
Nov.	44	44	43	43	45	45	46	45	
Dec.	44	44	43	43	43	42	45		
May	46	46	46	45	46	45	47	44	
Barley									
Nov.	55	55	55	54	54	52	56	56	
Dec.	55	55	54	54	54	53	56		
May	58	59	58	58	58	56	60	59	
Flax—									
Nov.	207	206	203	199	199	200	210	173	
Dec.	191	193	192	191	189	190	195		
May	190	191	191	190	190	190	193	179	
Rye—									
Nov.	88	88	87	86	85	82	91	89	
Dec.	83	84	83	82	81	78	85		
May	86	86	85	84	84	80	88		

MINNEAPOLIS CLOSING PRICES

Spring wheat—No. 1 dark northern, \$1.22 to \$1.30; No. 1 northern, \$1.19 to \$1.28; No. 2 dark northern, \$1.18 to \$1.26; No. 2 northern, \$1.16 to \$1.24; No. 3 dark northern, \$1.14 to \$1.21; No. 3 northern, \$1.12 to \$1.20; Montana No. 1 dark hard, \$1.26 to \$1.32; No. 1 hard, \$1.21 to \$1.25; Minnesota and South Dakota—No. 1 dark hard, \$1.21 to \$1.23; No. 1 hard, \$1.17 to \$1.19; No. 1 amber durum, \$1.09 to \$1.11; No. 1 durum, 98c to \$1.03; No. 2 amber durum, \$1.06 to \$1.09; No. 2 durum, 95c to \$1.01; No. 3 amber durum, \$1.03 to \$1.06; No. 3 durum, 94c to 99c. Corn—No. 2 yellow, 72c to 73c; No. 3 yellow, 71c to 72c; No. 2 mixed, 67c to 69c; No. 3 mixed, 66c to 68c. Oats—No. 2 white, 38c to 43c; No. 3 white, 38c to 41c; No. 4 white, 36c to 38c. Barley—Choice to fancy, 59c to 63c; medium to good, 54c; lower grades, 50c to 53c. Rye—No. 2, 81c to 82c. Flaxseed—No. 1, \$2.43 to \$2.45.

WINNIPEG

The Livestock Department of the U.G.G. report as follows for the week ending November 24.

Receipts this week: Cattle 17,466; hogs 4,828; sheep 1,246. Last week: Cattle 15,758; hogs 4,230; sheep 2,384.

Following last week's extremely heavy runs and disappointing prices the run so far this week is very much lighter and indications all point to a let up in the amount of deliveries. This is bound to have an effect on prices, in fact already all cattle prices can be quoted from 25c to 50c a hundred higher than they were a week ago. The strong demand is still for the dehorned, well-bred stock both in

finished steers and on the feeder order. Top butcher steers will bring from 5c to 5½c; choice feeders from 4c to 4½c. Export steers are also selling quite a lot better, tops bringing from 5c to 5½c. Fat cows are ranging between 2½c to 3½c. Fat heifers from 4c to 4½c. Light-weight stock heifers owing to light runs have moved up to from 2½c to 3c. All indications point to the bottom having been reached and from now on with steady runs prices should hold their own and show a little strength from time to time as the season advances. We cannot urge too strongly the co-operative shipment of live-stock now that the low spot seems to have been reached as better shipping satisfaction can always be realized on a steady to a strong market.

Hog prices have dropped to 9½c basic price with a 10 per cent. premium on extra selects.

In the sheep and lamb section prices continue to hold wonderfully well considering the limited outlet there is for this class of stuff. Top lambs are bringing from 9c to 9½c; top sheep from 5c to 5½c; thin sheep and thin lambs from 2c to 4c.

Shippers from Saskatchewan and Alberta should bring health certificates covering cattle shipments. This is very important.

The following are present quotations:

Prime butcher steers	\$5.00 to \$5.25
Good to choice steers	4.00 to 4.50
Medium to good steers	3.50 to 4.00
Common steers	2.50 to 3.00
Choice feeder steers	4.00 to 4.25
Common feeder steers	2.50 to 3.50
Choice stocker steers	3.50 to 3.75
Common stocker steers	3.00 to 3.25
Choice butcher heifers	4.00 to 4.50
Fair to good heifers	3.00 to 3.50
Medium heifers	2.50 to 3.00
Choice stock heifers	2.50 to 3.00
Choice butcher cows	2.75 to 3.25
Fair to good cows	2.00 to 2.50
Bred stock cows	2.00 to 2.25
Canner cows	1.25 to 1.50
Choice veal calves	4.50 to 5.50
Common calves	1.75 to 2.50
Heavy bull calves	1.50 to 2.25

WHEAT PRICES

	Date	1 N	2 N	3 N	4	5	6
Nov. 20	114	112	110	102	97	90	
21	114	112	110	104	99	92	
22	112	110	108	102	97	90	
23	110	108	106	100	96	89	
24	111	110	107	101	97	90	
25	109	108	105	99	97	90	
Week Ago	115	113	110	103	99	92	
Year Ago	115	112	106	99	85	78	

Cash Prices at Fort William and Port Arthur, November 20 to November 25, inclusive

Date	WHEAT Feed	2 CW	3 CW	OATS Ex Fd	1 Fd	2 Fd	3 CW	4 CW	BARLEY Ref.	Fd	1 NW	2 CW	3 CW	RYE 2 CW
Nov. 20	80	50	44	44	41	39	55	51	47	47	207	203	161	88
21	82	49	43	43	40	38	55	51	47	47	216	202	163	88
22	80	50	43	42	40	38	55	51	46	46	203	199	162	87
23	79	50	43	43	40	39	54	51	46	46	199	195	156	86
24	81	50	43	42	40	38	54	51	46	46	199	195	159	86
25	81	48	42	42	40	38	52	49	45	45	200	196	160	82
Week Ago	82	51	45	45	41	40	56	52	49	49	210	206	165	89
Year Ago	70	45	42	43	42	37	56	52	42	42	173	169	143	89

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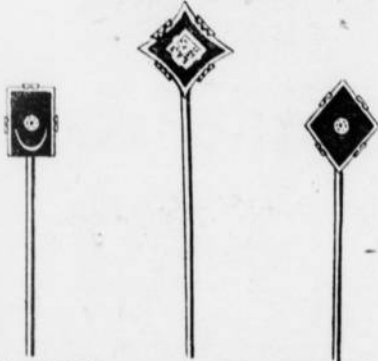
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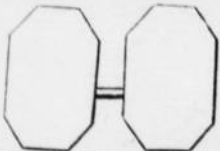
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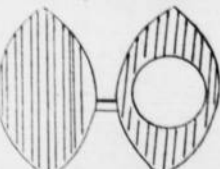
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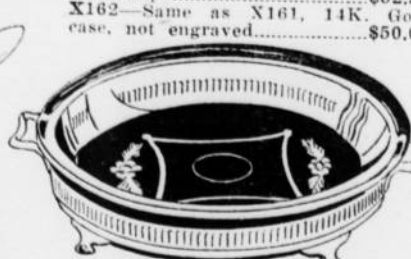
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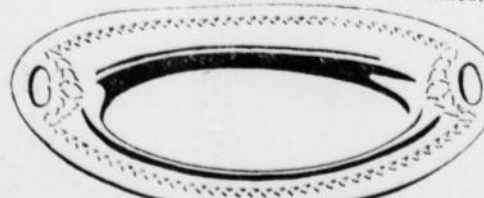
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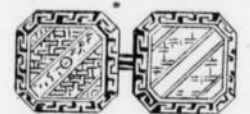
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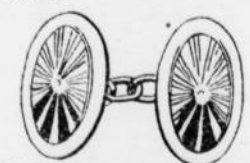
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